



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 27, 2019**

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer - we would love to meet you! If you would like more information, please fill out one of the info cards on the table, refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

The vice I am talking of is Pride or Self-Conceit: and the virtue opposite to it, in Christian morals, is called Humility ... According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.

- C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity"

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*Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about the nursery and children's programs.*

- *There is a nursery for children infant – 3 during the service.*
- *A Cry Room is available during the service off the foyer.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: Psalm 25:4-10, 14

*Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.*

Leader Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

People **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

Leader Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Leader Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

People **He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**

Leader All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies...

People **The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Saved My Soul

*(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)*

*You my God have saved my soul  
I am Yours forevermore  
I won't be moved of this I'm sure  
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me  
Held in chains by the enemy  
But You broke them in victory  
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope  
I am saved by Your grace alone  
I will sing of Your love for me  
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the Kings of kings  
He has paid for my every sin  
And from now through eternity  
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive  
You gave to me the breath of life  
You brought me up out from the grave  
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

## Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

### Psalm 130 - From Depths of Woe

*(Words: Martin Luther 1524; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

From the depths of woe I raise to thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
Oh who shall stand before thee? *(echo) 2x*

To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas, are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in thy sight  
All must alike confess thy might  
And live alone by mercy *(echo)* 2x

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On him my soul shall rest, his word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort, and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience *(echo)* 2x

What though I wait the livelong night  
And 'til the dawn appeareth;  
My heart still trusteth in his might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus oh ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed  
And wait 'til God appeareth *(echo)* 2x

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our shepherd good and true is he,  
Who will at last his Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow *(echo)* 2x

## **Sing Hallelujah**

*(Words & Music: Linda Stassen 1974)*

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord *(echo)*  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord *(echo)*  
Sing Hallelujah! Sing Hallelujah!  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.

## **Call to Confession: Psalm 25:11,16,18**

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great... Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted... Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

## **Prayer of Confession: "The Valley of Vision," Arthur Bennett**

Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly, You have brought me to the valley of vision, where I live in the depths but see You in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold Your glory. Let me learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells, and the deeper the wells the brighter Your stars shine; let me find Your light in my darkness, Your life in my death, Your joy in my sorrow, Your grace in my sin, Your riches in my poverty, Your glory in my valley.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 57:15**

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

### **Membership Vows: Ben and Lindsay Sera**

### **Baptism: Theo William Sera, son of Ben and Lindsay Sera**

### **Question to the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

# Corporate Prayer

## Song of Renewal

*During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees thoughtfully consider their contribution as an act of worship - a response to God's grace in our lives. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate in the offering.*

### **Create In Me - Psalm 51:10-12**

*(Words & Music: Keith Green 1984)*

Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, oh Lord.  
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.  
And renew a right spirit within me

### **Psalm 24 - We Long To See You**

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

Almighty God, we long to see you.  
Open our hearts and make them pure.  
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.  
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

## Sermon: James 4:1-10

### Wisdom for Life from the Book of James

"Grace for the Humble" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace.

Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**





## Additional Scripture

Proverbs 3:34 / Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

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Proverbs 16:5 / Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

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Proverbs 16:18 / Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

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Isaiah 66:2 / All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

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1 Peter 5:5-7 / Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q185. How are we to pray?

**A. We are to pray with an awed appreciation of the majesty of God and deep sense of our own unworthiness, needs, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance; and waiting on him, with humble submission to his will.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## Psalm 25

*(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)*

Good and upright  
Are you Lord  
You teach us sinners  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

All your ways are  
Loving, faithful, Lord  
To those who  
Seek your face  
*Repeat*

You give grace to  
The humble hearted  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

## Be Thou My Vision

*(Translation: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Tune: "Slane")*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art!  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord!  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one!

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always!  
Thou and thou only first in my heart;  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won.  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

## Prayer

## Announcements

*At the beginning of announcements parents are dismissed to pick up their children from nursery.*

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will preach "Ransomed for Holiness" on 1 Peter 1:13-21.***

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*All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.*