



Sunday Evening Worship
February 10, 2019

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do! If you would like more information, please refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations....There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously.

- C.S. Lewis

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 49:1-3, 5-6, 12-13, 15

Please stand for the call to worship if you are able.

Leader Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together! My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

People **Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Leader Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

People **But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

*He is able. He is able.
Christ is able doubt no more.
Come ye sinners poor and needy,
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.
Come ye rescued from the grave,
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,
For the glory of His name.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-27

Desert Song

(Words & Music: Brooke Frase)

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here*

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

Wait For The Lord

(Words & Music: Taizé)

Wait for the Lord
Whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord
Keep watch, take heart.

Call to Confession: Matthew 6:19-21, 28-30

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we ask your forgiveness for pushing you to the margins of our lives, for making the worries and cares of this life big, and your priorities and kingdom small. Forgive us for every time we feared the opinions of other people more than we feared your opinion, and when the our entertainment or busy plans pushed you out. Thank you for the grace that when you are weighty to us, the fear of people becomes a light thing; for the grace that we can rest in you, even during hard work and trials in this life. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might be quick to listen to you and quick to trust in your grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 11:10-13

"For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Song of Renewal

Blessed Assurance

(Words & Music: Fanny Crosby & Phoebe Knapp 1870's)

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:22-25

"Ecclesiastes and Peter: Vanity versus Weightiness" - David Snoke

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:14 / I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.

Ecclesiastes 5:18 / Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, 12:13-14 / Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity... The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Luke 21:33 / Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

John 3:3-5 / Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Ephesians 2:19-20 / So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone....

1 Timothy 4:4 / For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving....

Song of Thanksgiving

Joy and Toil

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko & Michael Savisky 2017)

Let us not toil unto our own good
But give us righteousness and thankful work
Remove the mess within us,
Restore your wisdom to us
Let none be driven into deep despair.
Consider God, the works of God.

*Return the joy to us in all our toil
May our work be your delight
Return the joy to us in all our toil
Let our days be made aright*

Let not our eyes contend for riches
But give us just reward and charity
When all our work is weary
When we can't see your beauty
Help us remember God's hand will endure
Consider God, the works of God.

Our labor keep away from evil
Forgive our discontent and selfish pride
Now make our prayers humble
And keep our conscience able
For God's commandments will our work renew
Consider God, the works of God.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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