



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**February 24, 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

Some boys try, and some boys lie  
But I don't let them play, no way  
Only boys that save their pennies make my rainy day  
'Cause we are living in a material world  
And I am a material girl  
You know that we are living in a material world  
And I am a material girl  
Living in a material world  
And I am a material girl  
You know that we are living in a material world  
And I am a material girl

- Madonna

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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

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – February 24, 2019

Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

## Call to Worship: Psalm 49:1-9, 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 **I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre. 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 Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

People **This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.**

Leader Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

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

## Prayer of Invocation

## Oh Give Thanks To The Lord

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)*

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.  
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;  
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.  
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

## Bless The Lord (Psalm 103:1)

*(Words & Music: Taizé: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)*

Bless the Lord, my soul  
And bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul  
Who leads me into life

## Hosanna

*(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)*

Hosanna, in the highest  
Let our King be lifted up  
Hosanna

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:1-3, 16-18

### I Want To Know You

*(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)*

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell my hopes to raise  
But what I need your word has said  
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

## **Call to Confession: Romans 2:1-4**

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have presumed upon the riches of your kindness and forbearance and patience. We know that you are merciful and gracious, and rather than responding with thankfulness and blessing, we have made ourselves judges. We have received grace, but not acted graciously. We have received mercy, but have not shown mercy to our neighbor. We have exalted ourselves instead of humbling ourselves. We ask now to be brought low, to remove ourselves from the judgment seat, never to presume upon you O Lord. We plead again your grace and forgiveness. Make us poor, that we might be made rich.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 5:3**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

# Installation of Bob Simonelli as Deacon

## Questions for the Installation of Deacons:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at anytime you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

## Question to the Congregation:

Do you, the members of the church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Church, entitles him?

## 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.*

## Lord I Need You

*(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Jesse Reeves)*

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

## 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 5:1-6

### Wisdom for Life from the Book of James

"Wealth, Deception, and Grace" - Reverend Joseph Bianco

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**C**ome now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon Outline

1. Prayer
2. Sermon Introduction: 3 caveats
3. Reading (*This is the word of the Lord... thanks be to God*)
4. Intro: ... Statistics of America's Wealth

Proposition: Only through Christ can we be made free from the deception of wealth.

Fallen condition of the text: Wealth is self-deceiving.

Main Points:

1. Deceiving power of wealth
2. Growing in awareness
3. How the Gospel helps us to see

Conclusion: Recapping the main points

## Additional Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:9 / For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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1 Timothy 6:10 / For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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James 1:9-11 / Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

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James 2:5-7 / Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

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James 4:3 / You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

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James 5:13 / Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

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## Credal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q147. What are the duties required in the tenth commandment?

**A. The duties required in the tenth commandment are, such a full contentment with our own condition, and such a charitable frame of the whole soul toward our neighbour, as that all our inward motions and affections touching him, tend unto, and further all that good which is his.**

Q148. What are the sins forbidden in the tenth commandment?

**A. The sins forbidden in the tenth commandment are, discontentment with our own estate; envying and grieving at the good of our neighbour, together with all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

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

## Hope of The Poor - Psalm 9

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed  
In times of trouble and need.  
To all who will come and trust in His name,  
A refuge and strength He will be.

*The needy will not be forsaken,  
and the hope of the poor will not die;  
For God who is mighty in judgment  
Does not forget their cry!*

Arise, O my Lord and answer my call;  
My heart cries out to be heard!  
I've no other hope than your gracious love;  
I trust and cling to your word.

The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has not forsaken us;  
The Lord has heard our cry!

So sing out to God who sits on the throne,  
Proclaim his marvelous ways!  
Our rescue has come! For all he has done,  
We offer our lives in praise!

## Satisfied

*(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875; Music: Karl Digerness 1997; Arranged: Daniel Snoko 2010)*

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some clear spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.  
The one my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

## Prayer

## Announcements

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

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: We invite you to join us for a special service tonight as David Nameun Cho is ordained as an Assistant Pastor.***