



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 1, 2020**

# 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

What does the doctrine of election tell us about showing mercy? It tells us that no one is ever saved by his own merit, but only by the sovereign mercy of God, who will have mercy on whom he has mercy (Rom. 9:15). This humbles our pride and teaches us to love people who seem to be undeserving, just like us.

- Phil Ryken

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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 (Rooms 112 & 114).*
- *A Cry Room is available in the Sr Dining Room and the Nook. For a more private space, Room G10 can be used as a Nursing Lounge during service.*
- *Children's bulletins are available in the foyer for those staying in service.*
- *During the sermon, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church (Room G8).*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:3-10

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

**Leader** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

**People** In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

**Leader** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

**People** Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

## Prayer of Invocation

**Lenten Scripture Reading:** Luke 4:1-14

## Desert Song

(Words & Music: Brooke Fraser)

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

This is my pray'r 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 pray'r 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 pray'r 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

## There Is A Fountain

*(Words & Music: William Cowper & Lowell Mason 1772)*

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day  
And there have I, though vile as he  
Washed all my sins away (3x)  
And there have I though vile as he  
Washed all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more (3x)  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Your flowing wounds supply  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die (3x)  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave  
Then in a nobler sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save (3x)  
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## **Call to Confession: Adapted from Ephesians 4:22-24**

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds. Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

## **Prayer of Confession**

O God, we confess we have often been apathetic, failing to seek or even care about justice in the affairs that surround us. We have failed to truly love and value mercy as You do, nor extend it to others as You have to us. Our walk before You is frequently characterized by presumption rather than humility. Though we are but jars of clay, You have chosen us to be vessels of Your mercy and grace to a hurting world. Make us respond to Your love by displaying and extending the gospel of grace in word and deed to others with the joy of the Lord as our strength. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-5**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*As offering bags are passed, we ask that members and regular attendees consider contributing as an act of worship. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate.*

## Psalm 82 | The Hand of God

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)*

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign  
So that you might stand for the weak  
He made you judge so the fatherless  
And the poor could rest in your strength  
But you have left them in darkness  
And the earth's foundations shake

*How long O Lord before your justice reigns  
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Teachers will meet your children in the auditorium foyer to safely escort them. Parents please pick up your children from Children's Church after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Zechariah 7:1-14

### Zechariah 1-8: Visions for Hopeful Building

"Fasting and Mercy" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev. <sup>2</sup>Now the people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and their men to entreat the favor of the LORD, <sup>3</sup>saying to the priests of the house of the LORD of hosts and the prophets, "Should I weep and abstain in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?"

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me: <sup>5</sup>"Say to all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted? <sup>6</sup>And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? <sup>7</sup>Were not these the words that the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?'"

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, <sup>9</sup>"Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, <sup>10</sup>do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." <sup>11</sup>But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. <sup>12</sup>They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. <sup>13</sup>As I called, and they would not hear, so they



called, and I would not hear," says the LORD of hosts, <sup>14</sup>"and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate."

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-7 / "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

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Micah 6:8 / He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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Matthew 25:44-46 / "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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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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James 2:15-16 / If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

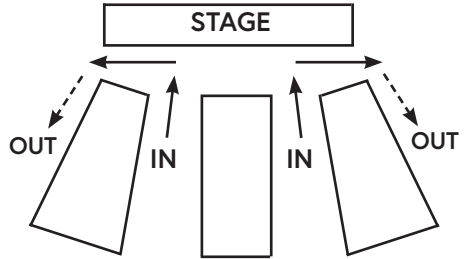
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# Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the Church. When you are ready, please proceed up using either of the two interior aisles. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



# Songs of Communion

Please stand for the final songs if you are able. Parents please pick up your children from Children's Church.

## See What We've Done

(Original: Joy Day 2005; Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2010)

Oh my soul! Oh Lord Jesus,  
Judas sold you for silver.  
I neglect you for less.  
Oh my soul! You, my Savior,  
Felt the kiss of betrayal  
From the lips of a friend.

*Oh my God, see what we've done  
Your Son, Jesus, betrayed.  
Oh my God, see what we've done  
Your Son, Jesus, denied.  
Oh my God, see what we've done  
Your Son Jesus, destroyed.*

Oh my soul! Oh my Savior,  
Three times Peter denied you,  
Fearing man more than God.

Oh my Lord! When they mock you  
I say, "I do not know him",  
And try to prove that I don't.

Oh my soul! Oh Lord Jesus,  
You were crushed and destroyed with  
The weight of sin and our guilt.  
Oh my soul! Oh my Savior,  
You accomplished salvation.  
"It is finished" for all.

## **Laden with Guilt**

*(Music: Sandra McCracken 2001; Words: Isaac Watts 1766)*

Laden with guilt and full of fears,  
I fly to thee my Lord.  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in thy written word  
The volumes of my Father's grace,  
Does all my griefs assuage.  
Here I behold my Savior's face,  
In every page.

This is the field where hidden lies  
The pearl of price unknown.  
That merchant is divinely wise,  
Who makes the pearl his own.  
Here consecrated water flows,  
To quench my thirst of sin;  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail.  
My guide to everlasting life,  
Through all this gloomy vale.  
Oh may thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to thy right hand.

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## Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrow

*(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)*

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*  
*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God is He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we'll sing:

## Doxology

*(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.                      Amen

## Prayer

## Announcements

*At the beginning of announcements, parents please pick up your children from nursery.*

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend John McCombs will be preaching  
"Peace, Hope & Love" on Romans 5:1-11.***