



Sunday Evening Worship
May 26, 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

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts...

By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaketh therein...But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life...

This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

- Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 14, Of Saving Faith

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Twentieth Century Club
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:30PM
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Worship Service

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Sunday Evening Worship – May 26, 2019
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

People It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Jesus Messiah

(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Call to Confession: Psalm 32:3-5

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, pardon all my sins of this day, this week, this year—too countless to number. Sins of doing what is wrong, and failing to do right. Sins of my lips, my life, my walk, of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption and pride. Sins of impurity in thought, word and deed, and of idolatry in serving things rather than You. Sins of time misspent, in opening my heart to temptations, and of ignoring the Holy Spirit. Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, both remembered and forgotten. Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Song of Renewal

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Words & Music: Lowell Mason and Isaac Watts)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 2 Peter 1:1-2

"Servants by Faith & Multiplying in Grace" - Reverend John McCombs

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Psalms 116:6 / The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Psalms 119:18 / Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

John 1:16 / For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 12:26 / If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 17:3 / And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:17 / Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Ephesians 2:8-9 / For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

2 Corinthians 5:21 / For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 1:1-2 / Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

2 Peter 3:1 / This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

Revelation 1:6 / ...and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 3:18 / I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

Song of Thanksgiving

Wood and Nails

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees
Look on your handiwork and build a house
So you may dwell in Me
So you may dwell in Me

*The work was done with nothing but wood and nails
In Your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face
O build a table that I too may join you
In the father's place
Oh in the Father's place

*The kingdom's come and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness
So send me out within Your ways
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds*

*The curse is done the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them
Serving at the table You've prepared*

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction