



Sunday Evening Worship
June 9, 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

True knowledge of the things of God is not satisfied with mere abstract proposition but is equipped for virtue. We are to be diligent to seek the knowledge of God—not to get a degree in theology, not to receive the accolades of men, not to be known for our intelligence, but to learn from God and gain the mind of Christ.

- RC Sproul, "1-2 Peter"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:30PM
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1, 12

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

Leader Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

People **And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!**

Leader Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People **For we shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.**

Leader The mountains and the hills before us shall break forth into singing,

People **And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

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!

Pentecost Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-6

Great Are You Lord

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Call to Confession: Acts 3:17-20a

And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

Prayer of Confession

Father God, we come to you now in the Name of Jesus Christ. We confess how much you have loved us, and yet we must also confess, how little we have loved you. We confess that we have not sought you with our whole heart. We confess that we have wandered from your commandments. We confess that we have not listened to you. Father, forgive us for not delighting in you and your word. Father, we praise your faithfulness in calling us to yourself, when we did not seek to be called. Father, thank you for loving us. Father, teach us to love you more, and teach us to love like you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Song of Renewal

Abide with Me

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1847; Music: Justin Smith 2007)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 2 Peter 1:3-15

"Knowledge for Your Souls" - Reverend John McCombs

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Proverbs 2:6-10 / For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul...

Proverbs 9:10 / The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 22:17-19 / Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips. That your trust may be in the LORD, I have made them known to you today, even to you.

1 Corinthians 13:2 / And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

2 Corinthians 4:6 / For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 5:22-23 / But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Philippians 1:9-11 / And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:9-10 / And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...

Colossians 3:10 / ...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

1 Peter 2:2-3 / Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2 Peter 1:1-2 / 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: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Song of Thanksgiving

Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

*For you, you have been chosen to be God's holy people
That he builds into his house like living stones,
Full of the Spirit of Peace*

May you keep your actions noble
May your neighbors see your love
When they speak about your evil
May they see good deeds and give God glory

If you've seen that God is precious
If you've tasted that he's good
If your passion wars with your spirit
Keep your sojourn holy with God's beloved

Come to him, the stone that's rejected
Come to him and offer your life
Put away your envy and slander
Come to Christ and build on the Stone of Zion

His mercy has called you
From darkness and into his glory.
The day of the Lord will come

Prayer

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