



Sunday Morning Worship
July 28, 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.

Reflections

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

- Jesus, from Revelation 3:19-20

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.*
- *Cry Room space is available during the service off the foyer and Board Room.*
- *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

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Presider: Reverend Namerun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 85:1-9

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

Leader LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.**

Leader You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

People **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**

Leader Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

People **Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

Leader Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

People **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,**

Leader For he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

People **Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

Prayer of Invocation

Saved My Soul

(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)

*You my God have saved my soul
I am Yours forevermore
I won't be moved of this I'm sure
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me
Held in chains by the enemy
But You broke them in victory
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope
I am saved by Your grace alone
I will sing of Your love for me
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the Kings of kings
He has paid for my every sin
And from now through eternity
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive
You gave to me the breath of life
You brought me up out from the grave
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:1-8

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

This Is My Father's World

(Word: Maltbie D. Babcock 1901; Music: English Folk Melody)

This is my Father's world.
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings,
And round him rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world!
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas.
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
The birds their carols raise
The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world!
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget.
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle has been won;
Jesus who died
Shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have disregarded your word and we don't listen to you as we should. Even our thoughts about you fall short. We have made you in our own image. Our vision of God is too small. We know that you are a fire of holiness and love. You consume impurities. Lord, without your grace we could not stand before you. But we look to Jesus, our Savior. He is our righteousness and our hope. We pray that you revive in our hearts a true understanding of sin and holiness. We pray that you would cause us to see the heights and depths of your free grace. Change us from within, as we contemplate Jesus. Assure us of your love and give us new desires for life with you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 4:5-6, 3:18

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake...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... And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

Baptism: Ian Bradley Fleming, son of Bradley Fleming & Bryanna Emr-Fleming

Question to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

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.

Psalm 126

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

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: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8:9-16, 9:1-3, 9:38, 10:28-29

Nehemiah: Restoration After Exile

"Ongoing Reformation" - Reverend Matt Koerber

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law...

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ¹¹So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

¹³On the second day the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the Law. ¹⁴And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded

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by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, ¹⁵and that they should proclaim it and publish it in all their towns and in Jerusalem, “Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.” ¹⁶So the people went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim...

^{9:1}Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. ²And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. ³And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God...

³⁸“Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests...

^{10:28}“The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, ²⁹join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God’s Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and his rules and his statutes.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

2 Kings 22:10-11 / Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king. When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 1.10 (adapted)

The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and by which all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits are to be examined, and in whose judgment we are to rest, can be nothing other than the Holy Spirit speaking in Scripture.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Speak O Lord

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, & Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Prayer

Announcements

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

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: David Snoko will be preaching "Followup Teaching on Corporate Sin" on 2 Samuel 21:1-14.