



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**September 29, 2024**

*"CHEER UP! YOU ARE WORSE THAN YOU THINK!"*

*- Pastor Jack Miller*

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

## Call to Worship: Psalm 2:7-12

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

Leader I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

People **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.**

Leader You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

People **Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

Leader Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

People **Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Rejoice

(Words & Music: Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Skye Peterson 2022)

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,  
Sing it again, we rejoice  
Delight in the love he has shown us,  
Gratefully lift up your voice

His gentleness among us  
Will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in his goodness,  
A family of grace

*With each breath he's given,  
Praise the Lord  
In these times we live in,  
We will praise the Lord  
Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure  
We have ev'ry reason  
To praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing,  
Praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving,  
Lay your requests at his feet

His peace will fall upon us  
To guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ, who reigns eternal,  
Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always,  
Tell of the good he has done  
Worship the Lord to remember,  
All of the joy yet to come

The hope that burns within us,  
The dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never ending,  
We say again rejoice

## Be Thou My Vision

*(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Music: "Slane")*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

## Call to Confession: Romans 8:12-15

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

## Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that although we are your children, we do not act like your children. When trials and temptations come our way, we act like orphans. We forget and neglect our heavenly Father, running instead to worldly comforts. We embrace the slavery of evil practices, rather than the disciplines of a loving Father. We have riches at home, but we eat out of pig's troughs. Forgive us Father, and cause us to run to you for all of our needs. Remind us yet again of your deep love for us. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## Corporate Prayer

### Song of Renewal

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### Arise My Soul Arise

*(Words: Charles Wesley 1742; Music: Kevin Twit 1996)*

Arise my soul, arise,  
Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice  
On my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.

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He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede.  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Arise (Arise)*  
*Arise (Arise) Arise*  
*Arise my soul arise*

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*Arise my soul arise*  
*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
Received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me.  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry.  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,  
Don't let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled,  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child,  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

## Scripture & Homily: Galatians 4:1-7 "Adoption - Children of God "

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Additional Scripture

Matthew 3:17 / ...and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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Luke 15:20 / And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

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John 15:15 / No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## No Longer Slaves

*(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)*

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

## Benediction