

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

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

-Genesis 7:7

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.
- A Cry Room is available during the service off the foyer.
- · 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

City Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning Worship – March 31, 2019

Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Romans 8:14-18

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

Leader For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For gyou did not receive hthe spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

People The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Leader And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, mprovided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

People For I consider that the sufferings of this present time nare not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Prayer of Invocation

O Come and Mourn With Me A While

(Words: Frederick Faber 1849; Music: John Dykes 1861)

O come and mourn with me awhile, O come ye to the Savior's side O come, together let us mourn, Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

Sev'n times He spoke sev'n words of love; And all three hours His silence cried For mercy on the souls of men; Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

O break, O break, hard heart of mine! Thy weak self-love and guilty pride His Pilate and His Judas were: Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

A broken heart, a fount of tears, Ask, and they will not be denied; A broken heart love's cradle is: Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act Your strength is tried; And victory remains with love; Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

Psalm 85 | Speak Peace

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

Speak peace to your people Speak peace to your saints Speak peace to your people Speak peace to all the earth

Surely his salvation is at hand Unfailing love and truth have met Righteousness will cover all the earth And his glory will fill the land Lord revive your joy in us again And let us hear what you will say Will your anger always be on us Will you not restore us again

Lenten Reading: Psalm 32:1-5

Lord I Need You

(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Jesse Reeves)

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

Call to Confession: Romans 5:5b-6

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:7, 13-14

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace... In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Baptism: Finley Hope Kozminski, daughter of Craig & Mindy Kozminski

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.

This Is My Father's World

(Words: 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Acts 2:1-6, 14-39

Of First Importance: The Resurrection

"Promises at Pentacost" - Reverend Matt Koerber

hen the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and hit filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language...

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

20the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
21And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David uthat he both died and was buried, and whis tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, band of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from ethe Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive sthe gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Ephesians 2:19-22 / So then you are no longer stangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built togther into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Creedal Response: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- § Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross
- * Universal church

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Psalm 27 | The Everlasting

(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)

The Lord is my light and salvation Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid? The Lord is the strength of my life, Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?

I will wait for you, I will wait for you. I will wait for you, I will wait for you.

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord
I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You.
We set our hope on Your love.
We set our hope on the Lord,
Who is the everlasting God.
You are the everlasting God.

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy Come ye wounded, weak and worn. Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

He is able. He is able.
Christ is able doubt no more.
Come ye sinners poor and needy,
Christ is able still to save.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven. Come ye rescued from the grave, Rise and worship Christ our Savior, For the glory of His name.

Prayer

Announcements

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

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will preach "A Free People Displayed" on 1 Peter 3:8-12.