



**Sunday Evening Worship**  
**July 14, 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](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

I don't wanna wait in vain for your love.

- Bob Marley

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## About Us

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10:15AM  
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# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 25:1-5

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

Leader To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

Leader Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

Leader Lead me in your truth and teach me,

People **For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*(Words: George Matheson 1882; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:18-25

## Psalm 25

*(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)*

Good and upright  
Are you Lord  
You teach us sinners  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

All your ways are  
Loving, faithful, Lord  
To those who  
Seek your face  
*Repeat*

You give grace to  
The humble hearted  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*Repeat*

## **Call to Confession: Psalm 25:6-7**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

## **Prayer of Confession: Psalm 25:11-22**

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 40:28-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

# Songs of Renewal

## Jesus I Am Resting Resting

(Words & Music: David Hampton & Jean Sophia Pigott 1998)

Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee  
And Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power  
Thou hast made me whole

*Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart*

Oh how great Thy loving kindness  
Vaster broader than the sea  
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness  
Lavished all on me  
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine  
Know Thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus  
I behold Thee as Thou art  
And Thy love so pure so changeless  
Satisfies my heart  
Satisfies its deepest longings  
Meets supplies its ev'ry need  
For he wraps me 'round with blessings  
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for Thee  
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus  
Earth's dark shadows flee  
Brightness of my Father's glory  
Sunshine of my Father's face  
Keep me ever trusting resting  
Fill me with Thy grace

# Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: 2 Peter 3:11-18

"Not Waiting in Vain" - Reverend John McCombs

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Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup>And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup>as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. <sup>17</sup>You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. <sup>18</sup>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



# Song of Thanksgiving

## Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

*(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)*

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

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Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**