



Sunday Evening Service
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City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 119:12-18

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

Leader Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

People **With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.**

Leader I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

People **I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Leader Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

People **Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.**

Prayer of Invocation

Promises

(Words & Music: Aaron Moses, Carrington Gaines, Dante Bowe, Keila Alvarado, and Lemuel Marin 2020)

God of Abraham
You're the God of covenant
Of faithful promises
Time and time again
You have proven
You do just what you say

Though the storms may come
And the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn
When you speak a word
It will come to pass

*Great is your faithfulness to me
Great is your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun
To the setting same
I will praise your name
Great is your faithfulness to me*

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your Word remains the same
Your history can prove
There's nothing you can't do
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

(Words & Music: Charles Wesley 1739)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n;
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heav'n.

Call to Confession: Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, help me to listen to you. It is so easy to rush from one good thing to another, whether duties or entertainment, without taking time to meditate on your truth and to rest in your love. Help me to see, to not be blind to the beauty of your Creation, and to understand your words in the Bible. Don't let me resist your Holy Spirit, but to know you and love you through His presence in me. Lead me to draw near, and to follow you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 94:12-14

Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

(Words: Louisa M. R. Stead 1882; Music: William J. Kirkpatrick 1882)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know thus saith the Lord

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

*Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Scripture & Homily: Psalm 19

"God Speaks to Us"

- Elder Dave Snoke

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart

be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Outline

I. The Curse: Why doesn't God speak to us face to face?

II. Three ways God speaks to us

1. Nature
2. Scripture
3. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

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Additional Scripture

Genesis 3:22-24 / Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

John 14:15-23 / "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

Romans 1:18-20 / For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

1 Corinthians 13:12 / For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Song of Thanksgiving

We Are Listening

(Words & Music: Jeremy Quillo 2006)

Father I long to be wise
To see with new eyes
The truth that was written by your hand
Father speak truth into me
For I still believe
That you always help me understand

We are listening to your word
We are listening to your word

*Morning and evening we come
To delight in the Word of our God
Give us eyes to see
Give us faith to hear
That the Lord has come
That the Lord is here*

Father I long to see Christ
The Truth and New Life
Your Word that has made the universe
Father speak now I believe
And I am set free
By the Word that lived and died for me

Benediction