



Sunday Morning Worship
October 7, 2018

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

The day was unpleasant – raining in the morning, blustery and cold in the afternoon and snowing in the evening – yet the house was well filled at all services, and in the evening [dedication service] not less than 600 people were assembled.

- Rev. G.E. Sehlbrede, Founding Pastor of Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 1902

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.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 have the option to be dismissed to attend Children's Church.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:6-11

Please stand for the call to worship if you are able.

Leader A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

People **All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.**

Leader The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

People **The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.**

Leader Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,

People **O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Leader Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

People **Behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.**

Leader He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;

People **He will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680; Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: Anonymous 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation!

*All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

*Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.

*Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.*

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.

*Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

I Want To Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your word has said
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more

Call to Confession: Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we are in desperate need of your salvation. We know that we cannot stand in your judgment on our own. We have sinned and we have gone astray. We place our hope in your mercy through Jesus. He was crushed and put to grief when he willingly gave his life as an offering for sin. He was righteous, yet bore our iniquities. This is our hope and prayer. Jesus our substitute, our savior. Open our eyes to see this grace, to delight in it and to share it with others.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees will 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.

Sweet Comfort

(Words & Music: Latifah Phillips & Sandra McCracken)

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever He does
And follow where He guides

*Sweet comfort sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart*

Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow need or death be mine
He holds me in His hand

This bitter cup I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

He is my God though dark my road
He holds me I shall not fall
Whatever my God ordains is right
To Him I leave it all

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: James 1:2-12

"Wisdom for Hard Times" - Reverend Matt Koerber

²*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect
and complete, lacking in nothing.*

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives
generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts
is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For
that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from
the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰and the rich in his
humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.
¹¹For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its
flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade
away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when
he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God
has promised to those who love him.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Notes

Additional Scripture

Proverbs 15:33 / Fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

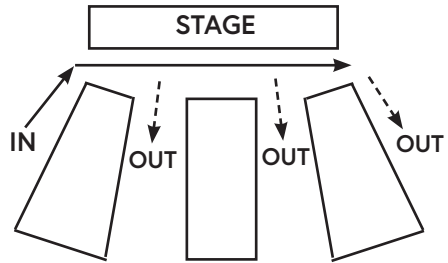
Mark 9:22-24 / "But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

2 Corinthians 12:7 / So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the Church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. We encourage you to exit from the front via the nearest aisle.



Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.

Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

It Is Well With My Soul

(Words: Horatio G. Spafford 1873; Music: Philip P. Bliss 1876)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul!

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!

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!

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Prayer

Announcements

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

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Pastor Matt Koerber will preach "Towards an Enduring Ministry" from Hebrews 12:1-3.

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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.