



**Sunday Evening Worship**  
**February 20, 2022**

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"There is no biblical concept more grim or terror-invoking than the idea of hell. It is so unpopular with us that few would give credence to it at all except that it comes to us from the teaching of Christ Himself. Almost all the biblical teaching about hell comes from the lips of Jesus. It is this doctrine, perhaps more than any other, that strains even the Christian's loyalty to the teaching of Christ.... If, however, we can take any comfort in the concept of hell, we can take it in the full assurance that there will be no cruelty there. It is impossible for God to be cruel. Cruelty involves inflicting a punishment that is more severe or harsh than the crime. Cruelty in this sense is unjust. God is incapable of inflicting an unjust punishment. The Judge of all the earth will surely do what is right."

—R.C. Sproul, from *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*  
Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

## Call to Worship: Revelation 5:11-14

Leader Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People **"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Leader And the four living creatures said, "Amen!"

People **And the elders fell down and worshiped.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*(Words & Music: Martin Luther 1529)*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate--  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabbaoth, his name,  
From age to age the same--  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure--  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

## Psalm 82 | The Hand of God

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)*

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign  
So that you might stand for the weak  
He made you judge so the fatherless  
And the poor could rest in your strength  
But you have left them in darkness  
And the earth's foundations shake

*How long O Lord before your justice  
reigns*

*Rise up O Lord for you the nations  
wait*

## Call to Confession: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

## Prayer of Confession:

Psalm 32:5-7

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 32: 10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

## Corporate Prayer

# Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## O Sacred Head Now Wounded

*(Words: Bernard of Clairvaux 1100's Translation: J. Alexander 1656 & P. Gerhardt 1830 Music: Hans Hassler 1601 & J.S. Bach 1729)*

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.

My burden in Thy Passion,  
Lord, Thou hast borne for me,  
For it was my transgression  
Which brought this woe on Thee.  
I cast me down before Thee,  
Wrath were my rightful lot;  
Have mercy, I implore Thee;  
Redeemer, spurn me not!

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered,  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever,  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.

## Scripture & Homily:

### Psalm 58

**"How can we understand how the Psalms call down God's judgment?"**

- David Snoke

Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods? Do you judge the children of man uprightly?

<sup>2</sup>No, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth.

<sup>3</sup>The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

<sup>4</sup>They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear,

<sup>5</sup>so that it does not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter.

<sup>6</sup>O God, break the teeth in their mouths; tear out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord!

<sup>7</sup>Let them vanish like water that runs away; when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted.

<sup>8</sup>Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime, like the stillborn child who never sees the sun.

<sup>9</sup>Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns, whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away!

<sup>10</sup>The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Mankind will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

## Additional Scripture

Leviticus 19:17 / You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

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Psalms 51:5 / Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

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Ecclesiastes 12:14 / For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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Isaiah 66:22-24 / For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord. "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

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Luke 13:25-29 / When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do

not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

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John 3:16-19 / "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

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Revelation 19:1-2 / After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

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## Sermon Outline

- I. The Bible teaches a final judgment by God, and does not shy away from that.
- II. How can we reconcile praying for this with Jesus' teaching to pray for our enemies?
  - a) Leave vengeance in the hands of God
  - b) Pray for the wicked to repent, not to succeed in their wickedness
  - c) Don't pretend sin is not sin
  - d) Sometimes David prays in his role of kingly authority (as a type of Christ); we can't usually identify God's enemies so easily
- III. How can we reconcile this with God's love?
  - a) Judgment implies dignity
  - b) God has provided a way of redemption in Jesus
  - c) We can only come to God in humility, not demanding grace

## 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-communing 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 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

### Psalm 9 | Hope of the Poor

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed  
In times of trouble and need.  
To all who will come and trust in His name,  
A refuge and strength He will be.

*The needy will not be forsaken,  
and the hope of the poor will not die;  
For God who is mighty in judgment  
Does not forget their cry!*

Arise, O my Lord and answer my call;  
My heart cries out to be heard!  
I've no other hope than your gracious love;  
I trust and cling to your word.

The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has not forsaken us;  
The Lord has heard our cry!

So sing out to God who sits on the throne,  
Proclaim his marvelous ways!  
Our rescue has come! For all he has done,  
We offer our lives in praise!

## Nothing But The Blood

(Words & Music: Robert Lowry 1876 Arrangement: Daniel Justice Snoke 2017)

## Notes:

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Not of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## 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.  
(repeat)

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Amen

## Benediction

## Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org). If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [nameun@cityreformed.org](mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org). And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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### Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through [prayer@cityreformed.org](mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org).

### About Us

#### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15 AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
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LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

#### Sunday Evening Service

5:30 PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
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