



Sunday Evening Service
April 23, 2023

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
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Call to Worship: Psalm 19:7-10

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

Leader The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

People **The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

People **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Prayer of Invocation

Were You There

(Words & Music: African American Spiritual)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Oh - Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Oh - Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

Were you there when the stone was rolled away
Were you there when the stone was rolled away
Oh - Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when the stone was rolled away

Were you there when he rose up from the dead
Were you there when he rose up from the dead
Oh - Sometimes I feel like shouting glory glory glory
Were you there when he rose up from the dead

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

(Words: Edward Perronet 1780; Music: Oliver Holden 1793)

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Call to Confession: Hebrews 12:11-14

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we cry out for your mercy. By nature, our hearts are hard and we can't make ourselves holy. And so we rejoice again in the wonder of the gospel. Though we fall short of your holy standard, through faith in Christ we are declared righteous in your sight. We are saved, not because we have made ourselves godly, but because you justify the ungodly. This same power that brought us new life is changing us. We are being made into the image of your Son.

But we confess that we are slow to change. We often feel stuck and struggle to believe that you are re-molding and re-shaping us. Sometimes we simply struggle to believe that change is possible. We pray that you would renew our faith and give us new sight. Awaken our hearts to your love and lead us into new obedience. Make us new. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 12:26,28

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ...Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

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; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Eternal Weight of Glory

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2013)

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to him our strength

*For behold I tell a myst'ry
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of Grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried How long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time
All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

Scripture & Homily

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

"The Ministry of Reconciliation"

-Reverend Nameun Cho

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Acts 9:31/ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Jude 20-23/ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus Messiah

(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin 2008)

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Benediction