



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**July 22, 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 *City This Month* or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

It is not necessary that we should be able to tell where or how we have been converted, but it is important that we should be able to tell that we are converted.

- Dwight L. Moody

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*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.*
- *During the 10:15 am service, children 4 – 7 have the option to be dismissed to attend Children's Church.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the back table for those staying in service.*

# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Colossians 1:12-20

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

Leader [Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

People **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Leader He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him.

People **And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Leader And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

People **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Arise My Soul Arise

(Lyrics: Charles Wesley 1742; Music: Kevin Twit 1996)

Arise my soul, arise,  
Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice  
On my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede.  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*Arise*    *Echo: Arise*  
*Arise*    *Echo: Arise*  
*Arise*    *All: Arise my soul, arise*  
*(Repeat)*  
*Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
Received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me.  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry.  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,  
Don't let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled,  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child,  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 82:1-4, 8

## Hand of God - Psalm 82

*(By 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 you justice reigns  
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

## Wonderful Merciful Savior

*(By: Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse 1989)*

Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost their way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Almighty, infinite, Father,  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

## **Call to Confession: Colossians 3:1-2**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, you have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of your beloved Son. We look to him alone for redemption, we look to the cross of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask to be filled with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to walk in a manner that is pleasing to you and help us to be fruitful with good works. Strengthen us with all power according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. We give you thanks for the inheritance that you have prepared for us. We thank you that you are continuing to work for our good in all things to prepare us for our heavenly inheritance. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:21-22**

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him....

## **Baptism: Calvin Chan, Son of Stephen & Sol Chan**

## **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.*

## This Is My Father's World

*(Lyrics: Maltbie D. Babcock 1901; Music: English Folk Melody)*

This is my Father's world.  
And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings,  
And round him rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world!  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees,  
Of skies and seas.  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.  
The birds their carols raise  
The morning light,  
The lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world!  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass  
I hear Him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget.  
That though the wrong  
Seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world.  
The battle has been won;  
Jesus who died  
Shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 may be dismissed for children's church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*

## Sermon: Acts 26:9-32

### Acts Part 3: A Missionary in Chains

"Paul Tells Agrippa about Conversion" - Reverend Matthew Koerber

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“**I** myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup>And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup>And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

<sup>12</sup>“In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup>At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. <sup>14</sup>And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ <sup>15</sup>And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup>But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup>delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you <sup>18</sup>to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

<sup>19</sup>“Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup>but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the



Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. <sup>21</sup>For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. <sup>22</sup>To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: <sup>23</sup>that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

<sup>24</sup>And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” <sup>25</sup>But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. <sup>26</sup>For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. <sup>27</sup>King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”

<sup>28</sup>And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” <sup>29</sup>And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.” <sup>30</sup>Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. <sup>31</sup>And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” <sup>32</sup>And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



## Additional Scripture

Joshua 24:14-15 / "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

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Matthew 16:24-26 / Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

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Acts 26:1 / So Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense...

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## Credal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q31. What is effectual calling?

**A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## What The Lord Has Done In Me

*(By Reuben Morgan 1998)*

Let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Let the blind say I can see  
It's what the Lord has done in me

*Hosanna hosanna  
To the Lamb that was slain  
Hosanna hosanna  
Jesus died and rose again*

Into the river I will wade  
There my sins are washed away  
From the heaven's mercy stream  
Of the Saviour's love for me

I will rise from waters deep  
Into the saving arms of God  
I will sing salvation songs  
Jesus Christ has set me free

## All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

*(Lyrics: 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

## Prayer

## Announcements

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

For detailed announcements, see our newsletter *City This Month*.

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will preach "Defining our True Condition - Who I Am in Christ" from Psalm 103.***