



Sunday Morning Worship
August 19, 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

...from the Scriptures, Luke shows that the new centrifugal phenomenon of *mission to the nations*, to the ends of the earth, was not some unheard of innovation...

- Christopher Wright, "The Mission of God"

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

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-7

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

Leader May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

People **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

People **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Prayer of Invocation

Rising Sun

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-12

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Glorify Thy Name

(Words & Music: Donna Adkins 1976)

Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:5

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Prayer of Confession

Great God in Heaven, we cry out with the prophet Isaiah, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" You are perfect in holiness and your glory reveals our sin and imperfections. Our lips are unclean. We speak words and hurt others and we have slandered your name. These words are the overflow of our hearts and we stand exposed before you. What is more, we are part of a sinful people. Our society and our relationships are characterized by malice and selfishness and greed. We are a people with unclean lips. We pray, Lord, that you forgive us and heal our sins. Help us to love each other instead of consuming each other. We pray that the love of Christ would be worked out in our lives and in our church.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

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.

Hide Away In The Love of Jesus

(Words & Music: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)

Come weary saints though tired and weak,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
Your strength will return by His quiet streams,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come wond'ring soul and find your home,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
He offers the rest that you yearn to know,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

*Hear Him calling your name.
See the depths of His love in the wounds of His grace,
Hide away. Hide away.*

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin.
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
The freedom you long for is found in Him,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
For ten-thousand joys await you there,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Hide away in the love of Jesus.

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 28:16-31

Acts Part 3: A Missionary in Chains

"Paul in Rome" - Reverend Matthew Koerber

And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him. ¹⁷After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.” ²¹And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. ²²But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

²³When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. ²⁴And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. ²⁵And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶“Go to this people, and say,
“You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

²⁷For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed;
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart and turn,
and I would heal them.’

²⁸Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has
been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.” ²⁹

³⁰He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and
welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of
God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness
and without hindrance.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 6:8-10 / And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive. Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

Acts 1:4-5, 8 / And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. . . . But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 23:11 / The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

Romans 11:13-14, 18-21, 23-26 / Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. . . .do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. . . . And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree. Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved.

Hebrews 3:12-15 / Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Revelation 2:3-5 / I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Scriptural Response: Matthew 28:18-20

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."

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

We Are Listening

(Words & Music: Jeremy Quillo)

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

We are listening to your word. (2x)

*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.
I have been set free
By the word that lived and died for me.

Psalm 100 (All People)

(Words & Music: Louis Bourgeois and William Kethe)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Prayer

Announcements

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

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend John McCombs will preach "The Big Book, The Little Book, & Our Response" from Psalm 19.

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