



Sunday Evening Service
August 7, 2022

"Fantasy worlds left unchecked have a habit of impinging on reality and remaking it in their own image. And that applies as much, if not more, in the realm of sexuality as it does in any other area"

--Carl Trueman "The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self"

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you would like more information, please contact us at office@cityreformed.org or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Worship Service

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Call to Worship: Psalm 139:7-12

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

Leader Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

People **If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

Leader If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

People **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

Leader If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

People **even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**

Prayer of Invocation

How Great Is Our God

(Words & Music: Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, & Chris Tomlin 2004)

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Call to Confession: Matthew 15:18-20

"But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, all our sinful actions are reflections of our hearts. When we are jealous it comes from a covetous heart. When we lie it comes from a heart filled with shame. When we lust it comes from from a sexually immoral heart. When we speak ill of others it comes from a slanderous heart. Kind Father, forgive our sins and restore our heart's desires. Let us love to give. Let us celebrate God-given sexuality. Let us speak well of others in everything we do. Thank you that through your Holy Spirit we are enabled to live for your glory. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God..

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).

No Longer Slaves

(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 6:14-20

"Bought with a Price"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh."
¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture.

Matthew 5:27-28, 32 / "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart... But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

John 17:21 / That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Romans 6:4 / We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 8:2, 12-15 / For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death... So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Galatians 3:27 / For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 5:1, 13 / For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.... For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Colossians 3:3 / For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

(Words: George Croly 1854 Music: Daniel Snoko 2020)

Spirit of God descend upon my heart
Wean it from sin through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art
Make me to love Thee as I ought to love
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

I ask no dream no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel vision no revealing skies
Take now the dimness of my soul away
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King
All all Thine own soul heart and strength and mind
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling
O let me seek Thee O and let me find
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear
Come check my rising doubt, my rebel sigh
Teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love
One holy passion filling all my frame
Baptize my life with heav'ns descended Dove
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Benediction