



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**September 23, 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](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

- James 2:8

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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.*
- *A Cry Room is available during the service off the foyer.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 have the option to be dismissed to attend Children's Church.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:2-5

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

Leader Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

People **For the LORD God is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation.**

Leader With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day, "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people, proclaim that his name is exalted.

People **Sing praises to the LORD, for he had done gloriously, let his name be made known in all the earth."**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Christ Is Able

*(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)*

Come ye sinners poor and needy  
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

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*He is able. He is able.  
Christ is able doubt no more.  
Come ye sinners poor and needy,  
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.  
Come ye rescued from the grave,  
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,  
For the glory of His name.

## **Great Are You Lord**

*(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)*

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore  
Ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

**Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:8-13**

# What Wondrous Love Is This

*(Words: Anonymous; Music: American Folk Southern Harmony)*

What wondrous love is this  
O my soul O my soul  
What wondrous love is this O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down  
Sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I Am  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing I will sing  
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

## **Call to Confession: Jeremiah 2:13**

My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we are thirsty. We confess that we have turned away from the streams of grace you offer to us. Instead we build fountains with our own hands, fountains which cannot really satisfy.

We confess that we have been slow to pray and easily distracted.

We quickly embrace our own plans and agendas, while forsaking your Kingdom. We look to our own strength, power, wit and ability instead of looking to you. We act like we only need a little bit of your grace - as if we were not entirely dependent upon your gospel.

We pray that you refresh us again with the living water that Christ offers. Help us, by the Holy Spirit, to see the great resources we have in Jesus. Help us to see that he was crushed for our sin and that we are free and accepted in him. Help us to drink the streams of living water that flow from our crucified savior. Help us to live in the power of our Risen Lord. Help us to remember that we are not alone and that we were bought with a price to live for you. Glorify yourself by quenching our thirst in Christ.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: John 7:37-38**

Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

### **Membership Vows: Bethany Lindsey**

## **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.*

## Jesus I Come

*(Words: William Sleeper 1887; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light  
Jesus, I come to Thee,  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. The leaders will bring the children to children's church and then back to the worship service after the sermon.*



## Sermon: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

### 2018 Core Value Sermons

#### Part 2: "Seek the Peace of the City" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...

<sup>4</sup>“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup>for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>“For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup>Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup>I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you,

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declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Jeremiah 29:2-3 / This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said....

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Matthew 22:34-40 / But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

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Philippians 3:20 / But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ....

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1 Peter 2:11-12 / Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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## Scriptural Response: Hebrews 13:12-14

**So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

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

## Your Labor Is Not In Vain

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, and Wendell Kimbrough 2017)*

Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you  
Is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks they cry out  
And the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown

*For I am with you I am with you  
I am with you I am with you  
For I have called you  
Called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labor to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed

## Be Thou My Vision

*(Translation: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Tune: "Slane")*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art!  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord!  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one!

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always!  
Thou and thou only first in my heart;  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won.  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

## Prayer

## Announcements

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

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: Dave Snoke will preach "Human Justice" from Psalm 82.***

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