



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**January 13, 2019**

# 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

Loose lips, sink ships.

- U.S. Government slogan during WWII

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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.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the service, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 6:1-4

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

**Leader** In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

**People** **Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.**

**Leader** And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

**People** **And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Gloria - Psalm 34

*(By: Mars Hill Music)*

I sought for the King.  
Then He heard my cry,  
And delivered me  
From my lonely fears.

They looked unto Him  
In His radiance.  
All their faces have  
Been made unashamed.

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*Gloria! (4x)*

*O, taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
All you people  
All you saints  
All you children of the King. (2x)*

*Gloria! (4x)*

## **Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

### **Saved My Soul**

*(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)*

*You my God have saved my soul  
I am Yours forevermore  
I won't be moved of this I'm sure  
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me  
Held in chains by the enemy  
But You broke them in victory  
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope  
I am saved by Your grace alone  
I will sing of Your love for me  
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the Kings of kings  
He has paid for my every sin  
And from now through eternity  
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive  
You gave to me the breath of life  
You brought me up out from the grave  
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

## 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.

## **Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:5-7**

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!" 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."

## **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: Hebrews 13:12, 15**

So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood... Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees 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.*

## Laden With Guilt

*(Music: Sandra McCracken 2001; Words: Isaac Watts 1766)*

Laden with guilt and full of fears,  
I fly to thee my Lord.  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in thy written word  
The volumes of my Father's grace,  
Does all my griefs assuage.  
Here I behold my Savior's face,  
In every page.

This is the field where hidden lies  
The pearl of price unknown.  
That merchant is divinely wise,  
Who makes the pearl his own.  
Here consecrated water flows,  
To quench my thirst of sin;  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail.  
My guide to everlasting life,  
Through all this gloomy vale.  
Oh may thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to thy right hand.

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## 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: James 3:1-12

### Wisdom for Life from the Book of James

"Taming the Tongue, Part 1" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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**N**ot many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**





## Additional Scripture

Matthew 12:34b-37 / "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

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Romans 1:28-32 / And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

**A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but daily breaks them in thought, word, and deed.**

Q85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

**A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

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

## **May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

*(Words: Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoke 2018)*

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do, all I say.  
*May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour' to hour'  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his love and powr'  
Only through his love and powr'.*

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self removing,  
This is my victory.  
*May the peace of God, my father,  
Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be quick to comfort  
All the sick and sorrowing,  
All the sick and sorrowing.*

May his beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing him, only him.  
*May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward with him go,  
As I onward with him go.*

## **This I Believe - Apostles' Creed**

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker 2014)*

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

# 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 "A Word for Elect Exiles" on 1 Peter 1:1-2.***