



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**December 8, 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

If it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

- Saul of Tarsus, Letter to the Romans, chapter 7

I fought the law, and the law won.

- Sonny Curtis

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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.*
- *Cry Room space is available during the service off the foyer and Board Room.*
- *Children's bulletins are available at the side table for those staying in service.*
- *During the sermon, children 4 – 7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church.*

# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

## Call to Worship: Romans 8:1-4, 14-17

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

Leader There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People **For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.**

Leader For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit...

People **For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

Leader 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!"

People **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

Leader And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,

People **Provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Angels From the Realms of Glory

*(Words: James Montgomery 1816; Music: Henry T. Smart 1867)*

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King*

Shepherds in the fields abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant Light

Sages leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
In His temple shall appear

Sinners, wrung with true repentance,  
Doomed for guilt and endless pains,  
Justice yet revokes the sentence,  
Mercy now has freed your chains.

All creation join in praising  
God the Father Spirit Son  
Evermore your voices raising  
To eternal Three in One

## Jesus Messiah

*(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)*

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel*

*The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

## **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-6**

### **O Come O Come Emmanuel**

*(Words: 1400's French Mass; Music: Veni Emmanuel)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times did give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Son of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Call to Confession: Galatians 3:19, 22**

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made... But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, we confess that our tendency is to minimize sin and to downplay your holiness. We pretend that we are good and decent people and that we deserve to get good things from you. We are far more comfortable pointing out the sins of other people than looking truly at ourselves.

And yet your law is a mirror for us. You show us your perfect standard for judging people and we must admit we fall far short. We do not love you with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength. We certainly do not love others the way we love ourselves.

So, we have no hope but Christ. He was righteous for us. He was punished for us. In him we have hope, freedom and forgiveness. We pray that you drive us continually to Christ, and make the joy of his gospel fresh and real in our hearts. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 2:19-20**

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*As offering bags are passed, we ask that members and regular attendees consider contributing as an act of worship. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate.*

## Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

*(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)*

Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you strength to bear it,  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory (3x)  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him,  
Blest the ears that hear His voice;  
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him,  
And in Him alone rejoice;  
His commandments (3x)  
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary,  
Is the rest the cross supplies;  
All who taste it (3x)  
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

## 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: Matthew 5:17-48

"Jesus and the Law" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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*<sup>4:17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

*<sup>5:1</sup>Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**"D**o not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you



over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. <sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup>"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

<sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup>And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup>And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup>Give to

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the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Leviticus 19:18 / You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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Deuteronomy 5:17-18 / You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.

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Deuteronomy 19:21 / "Thus you shall not show pity: it shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot."

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Deuteronomy 23:21 / "If you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin."

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Deuteronomy 24:1 / "When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house..."

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Luke 24:25-27, 44 / And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself... Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

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## Credal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 82. Is anyone able to keep the commandments of God perfectly?

**A. Since the fall, no mere human is able to keep the commandments of God perfectly in this life; everyone breaks them daily in thought, word and deed.**

Q. 85. 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 that leads to life*, and the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ communicates the benefits of redemption to us.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

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

## Psalm 25

*(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)*

Good and upright  
Are you Lord  
You teach us sinners  
In your ways

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways

All your ways are  
Loving, faithful, Lord  
To those who  
Seek your face

You give grace to  
The humble hearted  
And instruct them  
In your ways

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways

## In Christ Alone

*(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

## Prayer

## Announcements

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

## Benediction

***Tonight's Evening Service: David Snoke will be preaching "Christmas and the Unique Person of Christ" on Colossians 1:9-20, 2:8-13.***

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