



Sunday Evening Service
February 9, 2020

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do! If you would like more information, please refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments."

- Zechariah 3:3-4

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston School
Entrance: 5059 Ellsworth Ave.
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Worship Service

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Sunday Evening Worship – February 9, 2020
Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:20-25a

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

Leader This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

Leader The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People **Save us, we pray, O LORD!**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680; Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: Anonymous 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation!

*All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

Repeat

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Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

*Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth? Repeat*

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.

*Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee. Repeat*

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.

*Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Repeat*

Great Are You Lord

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

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
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*

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

Psalm 25

(Words & Music: Joe Day (2000))

You guide the humble in what is right
And instruct them in your ways
You give grace to the humble hearted
And instruct them in your ways

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

Catechism Readings: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 32. What benefits do those who are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. Those who are effectually called partake in this life of *justification, adoption and sanctification*, and the various benefits which either accompany or flow from them in this life.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, received by faith alone.

Call to Confession: Romans 3:21-23

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from "Continual Repentance," *The Valley of Vision*

O God of Grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and you have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe and decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are full of impurity; my confessions of wrong are themselves corrupt; my reception of the Spirit is tainted with selfishness.

I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace I am always receiving a change of clothing, for you always justify the ungodly. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:24-26

...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We do not take a formal offering in our evening service. If you feel led to contribute as an act of worship, an offering box is available in the back corner of the sanctuary.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Genesis 27

"Whose Clothes Are You Wearing?" - Reverend John McCombs

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am."² He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death."³ Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me,⁴ and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

⁵Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it,⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father speak to your brother Esau,⁷ 'Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.'⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you.⁹ Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves.¹⁰ And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies."¹¹ But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man.¹² Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing."¹³ His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me."

¹⁴So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved.¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.¹⁶ And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.¹⁷ And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me."²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, "How is it

that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the LORD your God granted me success.” ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” ²²So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. ²⁴He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.” ²⁵Then he said, “Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you.” So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” ²⁷So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed! ²⁸May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!”

³⁰As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.” ³²His father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” ³³Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.” ³⁴As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!” ³⁵But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.” ³⁶Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?” ³⁷Isaac answered and said to Esau,

“Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?”³⁸ Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

³⁹Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. ⁴⁰By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

⁴¹Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”⁴² But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. ⁴³Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran ⁴⁴and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away—⁴⁵until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?”

⁴⁶Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Song of Thanksgiving

Your Grace Is Enough

(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2003)

Great is Your faithfulness O God of Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

For Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Please join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service. If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

Men's Retreat Fri 2/28 - Sat 2/29 <i>Ligonier Camp & Conf Ctr</i> Sign up by 2/16	Rev. Dr. Jack Kinneer, PCA pastor and adjunct professor of New Testament at RPTS and PCA pastor, will be speaking on "Loving God's Word - A Reformed Perspective." Register online by 2/16 crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events
Ethiopia Missions Report Wed 2/19 @ 6:30-8:30PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207	Our Ethiopia missions team will be sharing about their recent trip. Andy Warren from Ethiopia ACT will join them and speak more about the ACT ministry there in Ethiopia. Pizza & salad dinner hosted by Missions Com. & Edgewood CG - RSVP to Andrew Iseminger (ajiseminger@gmail.com).
Women's Retreat: "Lessons in Contentment" Fri 3/20 - Sat 3/21 <i>Ligonier Camp & Conf Ctr</i> Sign up by 3/1	Come join us for fellowship, discussion, prayer, food, games and time to get to know one another better! \$64/person for the whole retreat or \$24 for Saturday only. Scholarships are available. Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com). Register online: tinyurl.com/crpcwomen2020