



Sunday Evening Worship
March 17, 2019

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

The Lord has given us a table at which to feast, not an altar on which a victim is to be offered; He has not consecrated priests to make sacrifice, but servants to distribute the sacred feast.

- John Calvin

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 69:9-16

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

Leader For zeal for thy house has consumed me, and the insults of those who insult thee have fallen on me.

People **When I humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.**

Leader I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

People **But as for me, my prayer is to thee, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of thy steadfast love answer me.**

Leader With thy faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

People **Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me. Answer me, O LORD, for thy steadfast love is good; according to thy abundant mercy, turn to me.**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:20-25

Psalm 27 | The Everlasting

(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is the strength of my life,
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?

I will wait for you, I will wait for you.
I will wait for you, I will wait for you.

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord
I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You.
We set our hope on Your love.
We set our hope on the Lord,
Who is the everlasting God.
You are the everlasting God.

I Need Thee Every Hour

(Words & Music: Annie Hawks & Robert Lowry 1872)

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.*

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessèd Son.

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

Call to Confession: 2 Timothy 4:3-5

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious heavenly Father, together we confess our sin to you. As we feel constant pressure from our culture, we confess any time we have compromised the sound teaching of your Word. We confess times we have given into the pressure to please, and in so doing, have compromised your commands. We confess words not spoken, actions not taken, neighbors not loved, suffering not endured, thoughts not taken captive, our God forgotten, because we have compromised your teaching. Father, our sin runs deep, but your grace runs deeper still. Let that grace fill us now, giving us confidence in Christ to walk and live as you call us in scripture. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Song of Renewal

Hide Away In The Love of Jesus

(Words & Music: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)

Come weary saints though tired and weak,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
Your strength will return by His quiet streams,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come wond'ring soul and find your home,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
He offers the rest that you yearn to know,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

*Hear Him calling your name.
See the depths of His love in the wounds of His grace,
Hide away. Hide away.*

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin.
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
The freedom you long for is found in Him,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
For ten-thousand joys await you there,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 2:18-25

"Living as People Who Are Free: Servants and Masters"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 5:11-12 / "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Mark 10:45 / "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Ephesians 5:22-26 / Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word....

Philippians 2:4-7 / Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Romans 12:20-21 / To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hebrews 12:1-3 / Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

James 5:9 / Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communing children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. Please return to your seat using the right aisle.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the outer circle of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. The bread is gluten-free.

Songs of Communion

O Come and Mourn With Me A While

(Words: Frederick Faber 1849; Music: John Dykes 1861)

O come and mourn with me awhile,
O come ye to the Savior's side
O come, together let us mourn,
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

Sev'n times He spoke sev'n words of love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men;
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

O break, O break, hard heart of mine!
Thy weak self-love and guilty pride
His Pilate and His Judas were:
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is:
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

Peace

(Words & Music: Sherri Youngward 2008)

Peace, be still.
Lay all your worries down.
Be still, O My soul
Our God is in control.

And if God is for us,
Then whom shall I fear?
For our God is with us
So lay down, be still.
He is God.

Hallelujah!
Our God has overcome.
Hallelujah!
Our Lord, Jesus Christ has won.
He is God.

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
(repeat)

Amen

Prayer

Announcements

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