



**Sunday Evening Worship**  
**June 16, 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](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

I think the greatest weakness in the church today is that almost no one believes that God invests His power in the Bible. Everyone is looking for power in a program, in a methodology, in a technique, in anything and everything but that in which God has placed it—His Word. He alone has the power to change lives for eternity, and that power is focused on the Scriptures.

When I read the Bible, the Bible criticizes me, I don't criticize the Bible.

- RC Sproul

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Twentieth Century Club  
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### Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:30PM  
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# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Psalm 19:7-11

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

Leader The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

People **The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

People **The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

People **The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.  
Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them  
there is great reward.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5

## What a Beautiful Name

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood; Alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoko 2017)*

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness  
And darkness has not overcome  
Grace and truth have come through Jesus  
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and shame  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

## **How Firm a Foundation**

*(Words: R. Keene and George Keith 1787; Melody: American Folk; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,  
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

## **Call to Confession: Matthew 5:17-19**

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 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. 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."

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Father, forgive us for tuning you out of our thinking. We listen to the advertisements and shows and internet commentary of this world, but neglect your Word in the Bible, or reduce it to a small set of rules and principles. Turn our thoughts and wills to be immersed in your Word and your ways, through your Holy Spirit; to make your thoughts our thoughts, and your goals our goals, even when that leads us against the ways of our society. Thank you for sending your Son, the Word in the flesh, to redeem us and to lead us. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 7:24-25**

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

# Song of Renewal

## We Are Listening

*(Words & Music: Jeremy Quillo 2006)*

Father, I long to be wise.  
To see you with new eyes,  
The truth that was written by your hand.  
Father speak truth into me  
Because I still believe  
That you always help me understand.

*We are listening to your word. (2x)*

*Morning and evening we come  
To delight in the word of our God.  
Give us eyes to see.  
Give us faith to hear,  
That the Lord has come,  
That the Lord is here.*

Father, I long to see Christ:  
The truth and new life,  
Your word that has made the universe.  
Father speak, now I believe.  
I have been set free  
By the word that lived and died for me.

## Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: 2 Peter 1:16-21

"Faith Based on Eyewitness Testimony" - David Snoke

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For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## 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

## I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell my hopes to raise  
But what I need your word has said  
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead  
There's love in all your words and deeds  
This weary heart finds all it needs  
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord  
King of the Heavens king of my soul  
I trade my treasure and all my rewards  
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name  
I have no fear I have no shame  
You stand with me for all my days  
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean  
Like all of the sand on the shore  
Your beauty and glory are endless  
O Jesus I must know you more

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior

(Words: J Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoko 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 pow'r  
Only through his love and pow'r.

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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.

## **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.

Amen

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**