



**Sunday Evening Worship**  
**June 23, 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

A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

- Charles Spurgeon

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## About Us

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10:15AM  
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# Worship Service

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Sunday Evening Worship – June 23, 2019  
Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

## Call to Worship: Psalm 66

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

Leader Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!

People **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your  
power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

Leader All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing  
praises to your name."

People **Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his  
deeds toward the children of man.**

Leader He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on  
foot. There did we rejoice in him,

People **Who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on  
the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

Leader Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

People **Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our  
feet slip.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)*

Every mouth that cries for food,  
Every lung that yearns for breath,  
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,  
King of Heaven, King of Earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made,  
God of all-sustaining grace!  
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,  
Every bird that seeks its nest,  
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,  
And the song upon my lips,  
With the chorus of creation join in praise:  
To the God who made all things,  
To the Spirit who sustains,  
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 3:10-13

## Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

## **Call to Confession: Psalm 73:21-26**

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious heavenly Father, when pricked in our heart, our sin spills out. When moments of difficulty come, our anger can turn to rage. When life is hard, our faithfulness can fade. Gracious Lord, our circumstances do not give us permission to sin. Our difficulty does not give us the right to rage. Our struggles do not allow our disobedience. Father, forgive us our sin, that we may turn again to you in faithfulness. That when struck, we may offer the other cheek; that when difficulties come, we may find contentment; that in every circumstance, we may remain faithful. Forgive us and restore us we pray. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:19-23**

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

# Song of Renewal

## Psalm 51:10-12 | Create in Me

*(Words & Music: Keith Green 1984)*

Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, oh Lord.  
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.  
And renew a right spirit within me

## Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

Almighty God, we long to see you.  
Open our hearts and make them pure.  
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.  
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

# Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: 2 Peter 2:1-16

"Itching Ears" - Reverend Joseph Bianco

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**B**ut false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup>And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup>And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

<sup>4</sup>For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; <sup>5</sup>if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; <sup>6</sup>if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; <sup>7</sup>and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup>(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); <sup>9</sup>then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup>and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, <sup>11</sup>whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. <sup>12</sup>But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about



matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, <sup>13</sup>suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. <sup>14</sup>They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! <sup>15</sup>Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, <sup>16</sup>but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

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

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

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 24:11 / And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

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John 8:34 / Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

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Romans 16:18 / For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

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1 Corinthians 10:13 / No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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2 Corinthians 11:13 / For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

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Hebrews 10:26-27 / For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

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Jude 16 / These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

## How Firm a Foundation

*(Words: R. Keene and George Keith 1787; Melody: American Folk; Arrangement: Daniel Snoko 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?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"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."

## Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction