



Sunday Morning Worship
June 30, 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.

Reflections

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- Psalm 119:105

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.*

Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 7:6-8, 8:3

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

Leader For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.

People **The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.**

Leader It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers,

People **That the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt...**

Leader And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know,

People **That he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Prayer of Invocation

What a Beautiful Name

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood 2016, Alternate 2nd verse: Daniel Snoke 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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:129-136

Speak O Lord

(Words & Music: Stuart Towend & Keith Getty)

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief
Speak O Lord and renew our minds

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Satisfied

(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875, Music: Karl Digerness 1997, Arranged: Daniel Snoke 2010)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some clear spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.
The one my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Call to Confession: Deuteronomy 6:5-7

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Prayer of Confession

Father, you are wise beyond our understanding and unlimited in your knowledge. True wisdom comes from honoring you. And yet we confess that we are often wise in our own eyes. We ask questions that keep you at a distance. We exalt ourselves and boast in our learning. We also become lazy in our thinking and shallow in our understanding. Forgive us and change us. Teach us to be truly wise as we live in Christ. Give us new eyes to see the world and new hearts that we would love you with all of our mind and all of our strength. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Membership Vows: Keith & Katie Dufendach

Baptism: Sophia Elizabeth Dufendach, daughter of Keith & Katie Dufendach

Question to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

During this song we will pass offering bags through the congregation. We ask that our members and regular attendees thoughtfully consider their contribution as an act of worship - a response to God's grace in our lives. Those who are not a regular part of our church are not expected to participate in the offering.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(Words: John Newton 1774, Music: Laura Taylor 2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name,
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations
Threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
You have washed us with your blood (3x),
You are worthy, Lamb of God.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Nehemiah 8:1-12

Nehemiah: Restoration After Exile

"Understanding the Words of God " - Reverend Matt Koerber

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁴And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen", lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This

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day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” ¹¹So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.” ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Hebrews 4:12-13 / For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 1.7 (adapted)

Not all things in Scripture are equally plain in themselves, nor are they equally clear to all people. Yet those things that are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation are so clearly discussed and made clear, in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the educated but also the uneducated may reach a sufficient understanding of them with the adequate use of ordinary means.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

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.

I Am

(Words & Music: David Crowder and Ed Cash)

There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

Take me in with Your arms spread wide
Take me in like an orphan child
Never let go never leave my side

*I am holding onto You
I am holding onto You
In the middle of the storm I am holding on
I am*

There's no space that His love can't reach
There's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

Prayer

Announcements

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

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service: Reverend Nameum Cho will be preaching "Enslaved to Our Passion(s)" on 2 Peter 2:1-4, 9-10a, 17-22.