



Sunday Evening Worship
July 7, 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

For waiting seems very long on this account, because we have our eyes fixed on the shortness of the present life, and we also increase weariness by computing days, hours, and minutes. But when the eternity of God's kingdom comes to our minds, many ages vanish away like so many moments.

- 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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Call to Worship: Habakkuk 3:2-6

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

Leader O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear.

People **In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.**

Leader God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

People **His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power.**

Leader Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels.

People **He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways.**

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:17-22

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(Words & Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard & Charles Wesley)

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us:
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art—
Dear desire of eve'ry nation,
Joy of eve'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Day-spring from on high, appear:
Come thou promised Son of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth—
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall—
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever;
Now thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone—
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Call to Confession: Psalm 18:4-6

The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess our apathy towards your eternal purposes. You promise us eternal salvation, yet daily we remain afraid. You speak words of eternal protection over us, but we quickly overlook your help. When evil entangles us, we forget your salvation and instead rely on our ability. O' Lord, give us eyes to see our end, that our way may remain steadfast. Forgive us our fear when you promise to keep us. Forgive our proneness to wander, when you have showed us the path. Forgive us our self-sufficiency, that you may all in all. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Songs of Renewal

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.

Wait for the Lord

(Words & Music: Taizé)

Wait for the Lord
Whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord
Keep watch, take heart.

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 2 Peter 3:1-10

"The Day of the Lord and the Patience of God"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ²that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Psalm 90:4 / For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Isaiah 30:18 / Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Isaiah 66:22 / For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

Luke 18:7 / And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

2 Peter 1:13 / I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder...

Jude 17 / But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Thanksgiving

All Things New

(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779, David & Daniel Snoko 2018; Music: Clint Wells 2009)

Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long-looked-for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Build up this broken earth
Come and make all things new
All things new*

Come for creation groans
Impatient while you stay
Worn out in labor pains of hope
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Our faith is pressed by unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

Prayer

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