



*"Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise,"
says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."*

- Psalm 12:5

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Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

Call to Worship: Psalm 69:30-36

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

Leader I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

People **This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.**

Leader When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

People **For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.**

Leader Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

People **For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah,**

Leader And people shall dwell there and possess it;

People **The offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.**

Prayer of Invocation

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 bought 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

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 wand'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

Call to Confession: 1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, Giver of every good gift, you have blessed us with much material comfort -- homes, clothing, food. We confess that we cling too closely to these things. Rather than recognizing them as gifts from you, gifts to be shared with your people and with those in need, the impulse of our heart is to hide them away for ourselves. Forgive us, we pray.

Move in our hearts that we would hold our material blessings loosely, that we might bless others with them when we see needs around us. Help us to offer back to you the material gifts you have bestowed upon us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 3:19-20

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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Psalm 72 | Jesus Shall Reign

(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music: "Duke Street" John Hatton 1793)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

Scripture & Homily: Luke 10:25-37

"Go and Do Likewise"

- Reverend Pete Smith

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your

God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down

from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Song of Thanksgiving

Psalm 9 | Hope of the Poor

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed
In times of trouble and need.
To all who will come and trust in His name,
A refuge and strength He will be.

*The needy will not be forsaken,
And the hope of the poor will not die;
For God who is mighty in judgment
Does not forget their cry!*

Arise, O my Lord and answer my call;
My heart cries out to be heard!
I've no other hope than your gracious love;
I trust and cling to your word.

The Lord has heard our cry!
The Lord has heard our cry!
The Lord has not forsaken us;
The Lord has heard our cry!

So sing out to God who sits on the throne,
Proclaim his marvelous ways!
Our rescue has come! For all he has done,
We offer our lives in praise!

Benediction