

God Be Merciful To Me, The Sinner

There is a voice of **Sovereign Grace**, the Sacred Word has roared!
"Ho! ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the LORD."
My soul obeys the Almighty call, -And runs to this Relief:
I would believe Thy promise, Lord, -Oh help my unbelief.

To that dear Fountain of Thy Blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.
Stretch out Thine arm Victorious King, My reigning sins subdue!
Drive the Old Dragon from his seat, With his apostate crew.

A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On Thy kind arms I fall;
Be Thou my Strength and Righteousness, My Savior, and my all!

The Kingdom of God: The Church

The revelation of "the Christ" embraces in it the revelation of the Church in Him,
as His Temple, His Body, His Bride, His present witness on earth, and the watcher for His return in Glory.

This **Church**, even on earth, is no mere association of men holding certain opinions,
—no mere corporation favored with certain privileges, —but a Body chosen and called out of a world of darkness.

Its legislation is Divine, not human. Its laws are not its own ideas of expediency and order,
but the commandments of its Head.

The essence of its constitution is not socialism, nor republicanism, nor despotism, nor anarchy,
but an **un-earthly organization**,

founded on entire subjection to its heavenly Head; an organization working itself out in order,
unity, growth, fruitfulness, love, and zeal.

Its ministers are not philosophers, nor lecturers, nor theorists, nor humorists, nor orators, nor priests,
but **messengers** of God's free love, **expositors** of the Word, **shepherds** of the Flock,
and **executors** of government and discipline.

Its members are not politicians, nor lovers of (worldly) pleasure, nor worshippers of gold,
nor men who are trying to make the best of both worlds,
but men alive from the dead, through the power of the Holy Ghost,
possessors of a heavenly Peace, bearers of a Cross, yet heirs of a Kingdom; strangers upon the earth,
yet citizens of the New Jerusalem, which comes down from God out of Heaven.

-Horatius Bonar

Covenant Membership: Kyle Miess

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a **sinner** as one who has violated the pure and holy moral law of God
as revealed in the Ten Commandments?"

Do you acknowledge your need of salvation by the **substitutionary atoning work of Christ's** suffering
and death on the Cross?"

Do you **believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, receiving and **resting upon Him alone** as He is offered in the Gospel,
as Prophet, Priest, and King?"

Have you been **baptized** in accordance with His Word?"

Do you **covenant in the name of God**, and in humble reliance upon the Grace of the Holy Spirit,
to live in a way that becomes followers of Christ?"

Do you **covenant in the name of God** to support the ministry of this church in its worship and work,
submitting to its government and discipline, while pursuing its purity and peace?"

To The Congregation:

As a congregation of Christ, do you receive Kyle into the covenant fellowship of **River City Reformed Church**
together with you, renewing your membership vows as you do so? (If so, respond by saying "**Amen**".)

A Celebration of Worship

For the Children of God in Covenant at

River City Reformed Church

October 8, 2017

On this day in history . . .

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness;
 Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God;
 It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**
 Enter His gates with thanksgiving *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.
For the LORD is good;
 His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness is to all generations.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 642

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

SONGS OF PRAISE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,
 The shadow of a Mighty Rock, within a weary land;
 A Home within the wilderness, a Rest upon the way,
 From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that Cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
 The very dying form of One, who suffered there for me;
 And from my stricken heart with tears, **two wonders** I confess:
 The wonders of Redeeming Love, and my unworthiness.

Why Should I Feel Discouraged, why should the shadows come,
 Why should my heart be lonely, and long for Heaven and home,
 When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
 For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
 When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
 I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. (Refrain)

All The Way My Savior Leads Me; What have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?
 Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!
 For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
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All the way my Savior leads me, Cheers each winding path I tread;
 Gives me Grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living Bread.
 Though my weary steps may falter, And my soul athirst may be,
 Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;
 Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.
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Our Elders are eager to be of service,
 to pray with you,
 or answer any questions:

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*Behold I am coming quickly,
 And My reward is with Me.*

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All the way my Savior leads me, O the fullness of His love!
Perfect Rest to me is promised, In my Father's House above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to Realms of Day
This my song through Endless Ages— Jesus led me all the way;
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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

“Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It is laying hold of His willingness.” -ML

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

PREACHING

God's Glory in Impossible Circumstances

Isaiah 9

“To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.”

“All the cunning of the Devil is exercised in trying to tear us away from the Word.”

“The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the Serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ, and must take matters into our own hands”

“Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing and his own dying...”

“God does not need your good works, *but your neighbor does.*”

“True humility does not know that it is humble.
If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue.”

-Martin Luther

BENEDICTION

A Prayer for Holy Affections

O God of the highest Heaven,
occupy the throne of my heart, **own it all and reign supreme,**
conquer every rebel desire, let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
manifest Your mighty power, and make me Yours forevermore.

You are worthy to be praised with my every breath,
loved with my every faculty of soul, served with my every act of life.
King Jesus, You have loved me, adopted me, received me,
purchased, washed, favored, clothed, adorned me,
when I was worthless, vile, soiled, polluted.

I was dead in sin, having **no eyes** to see You, **no ears** to hear You,
no taste to relish Your joys, no intelligence to know You;
But Your Spirit has quickened me, has brought me into a **new world** as a **new creature,**
has given me spiritual perception, has opened to me Your Word as light, guide, solace, joy.

Your presence is to me a **treasure of unending peace.**
Nothing can separate me from Your kindness, for You have drawn me with cords of love,
and forgive me daily, hourly.

O help me then to live a life worthy of Your love, and worthy of my calling.
Keep me, for I cannot keep myself; protect me that no evil befall me;
Let me lay aside every sin, every time-consuming distraction and folly;
Help me to walk in Your power, by Your side, lean on Your arm, talk with You,
That I may be salt of the earth and a blessing to all. *Amen*