

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth  
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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### Perilous Times

- Rob Redden

**F**or you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy” (1 Peter 2:10 NAS).

The Jews looked down on the Gentiles, the Gentiles loathed the Jews, and the Pharisees despised the Jewish common folk. There was plenty of loathing back then as there is today. But the Lord makes a difference, changing self-loathing people into valued souls. Jesus died for sinners.

The Broadway musical *Man of La Mancha*, with its theme song, “To Dream the Impossible Dream,” featured a ridiculous knight named Don Quixote. He rides through the Spanish countryside mistaking windmills for giants. During his adventures he meets a cheap woman in a tavern. Any man can have this woman for one night, but no man wants her for life. Then Don Quixote rides into town. The people treat her like dirt. But Don Quixote bows before her as though she were a queen. She puts herself down, but he lifts her up. When she finally is convinced that he really believes in her, she begins to believe in herself. She found a friend who says she is priceless even when she feels worthless.

This story was told several times at a Marriage Encounter seminar Linda and I attended many years ago; it has left an indelible impression on us. We are here to help others to see themselves as lovable souls and give them hope. We may make a difference in the lives of those who sadly see themselves as losers.

Christian, let’s look past the veneer and see how damaged a precious soul is because of his or her past, and see that just a caring, loving helping hand may change a soul’s life for the Lord.

- Rob Redden preaches for the Grover Beach Church of Christ in Grover Beach, CA.  
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**2024 Theme:**  
*The Gospel Is for All*

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## Sin and Salvation

### I. Sin.

- A. What is sin? 1 John 3:4, James 4:17, James 1:14-15, Romans 3:23
- B. The consequences of sin- Isaiah 59:1-2, Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

### II. Salvation.

- A. The source of salvation- 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 5:8-9, Hebrews 5:9, Matthew 7:21-23
- B. The conditions for salvation- John 8:24, Acts 17:30, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Romans 10:10, 1 Peter 3:21, Mark 16:16, Ephesians 1:3, Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:1-4

### III. Commitment.

- A. Putting God first- Matthew 10:34-39, Luke 9:57-62, Matthew 6:33
- B. Living faithfully- Philippians 1:21, Galatians 2:20, Revelation 2:10

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: 238 Holy, Holy, Holy! (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Song: 55 Beyond This Land of Parting

### Prayer

Song: 622 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 315 I'll Live in Glory

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 6:16-18

### Sermon

Song: 337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?

Song: 456 No Tears in Heaven (vs. 1)

### Prayer

Notes:

### Romans 6:16-18 (NKJV)

- <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?
- <sup>17</sup> But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.
- <sup>18</sup> And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

### Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*