



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**October 23, 2022**

*"Among so many excellent gifts which God has adorned mankind, it is a peculiar privilege that he deigns to consecrate men's lips and tongues to His service, that his voice may be heard in them."*

*--John Calvin*

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship this evening. If you would like more information, please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

### Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-7

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

Leader Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

Leader Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

People **Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

## Prayer of Invocation

# Rising Sun

*(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)*

Praise Him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise His Name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

## Speak O Lord

*(Words & Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty 2005)*

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

## **Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:1-5**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, teach us to use our words to proclaim your goodness and your mercy. Forgive us for words that are unkind, thoughtless, malicious, prideful, or manipulative. Change our hearts to love your truth, so that out of our hearts come good treasures that point people to you. Thank you that your Word speaks to our hearts and changes us from the inside out, and that Christ lives in us through your Spirit. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:5-6**

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all..

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

## Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrows

*(Words & Music Philip Paul Bliss 1875)*

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*  
*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God is He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we'll sing:

# Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 14

"Speaking in Tongues?"

- Elder Dave Snoko

**P**ursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup>For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup>On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. <sup>4</sup>The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. <sup>5</sup>Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. <sup>6</sup>Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? <sup>7</sup>If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? <sup>8</sup>And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? <sup>9</sup>So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. <sup>10</sup>There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, <sup>11</sup>but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. <sup>12</sup>So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup>For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>What am I to do? I will pray with my

spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. <sup>16</sup>Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup>For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup>I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

<sup>20</sup>Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. <sup>21</sup>In the Law it is written, “By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.” <sup>22</sup>Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. <sup>23</sup>If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? <sup>24</sup>But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, <sup>25</sup>the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

<sup>26</sup>What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. <sup>27</sup>If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. <sup>28</sup>But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. <sup>29</sup>Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. <sup>30</sup>If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. <sup>31</sup>For

you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, <sup>32</sup>and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. <sup>33</sup>For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, <sup>34</sup>the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. <sup>35</sup>If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

<sup>36</sup>Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? <sup>37</sup>If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. <sup>38</sup>If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. <sup>39</sup>So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup>But all things should be done decently and in order.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

John 10:27/ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

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John 16:7-15/ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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1 Corinthians 11:4-5/ Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.

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Titus 2:15/ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

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## Sermon Outline:

- I. What does Paul mean by "tongues"? The context of the New Testament
  
- II. What does it mean for the church to "prophesy"?
  
- III. Two principles for worship
  - A. Order and not chaos
  
  - B. Declaring God's truth to our hearts

# Song of Thanksgiving

## Sing Over Your Children

*(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2008)*

I flirt with the world  
It steals my love for You  
My fear grips my faith  
And I am left unmoved

Your gaze stops my heart  
Your voice fills the dark  
Your love is the spark  
That lights this life and so we rise

*Out of the depths You cry  
Come and be satisfied  
Father You sing  
Father You sing over Your children*

You quiet the storm  
Inside my shipwrecked soul  
Your Spirit will lead  
It calls the wayward home

At the sound of Your name  
Our sin is washed away  
In Christ we're crucified  
In You we die in You we rise

*Out of the depths You cry  
Come and be satisfied  
Father You sing  
Father You sing over Your children  
Let us see through Your eyes  
We are Your great delight  
Father You sing over Your children.*

## Benediction

# Community Groups

**Community Groups** meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (Joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to: **www.cityreformed.org/community-groups**

## Sunday

Fox Chapel\*- Watson Barker

North Hills\*\*- David Bacon

## Monday

Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

## Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Friendship\*\*- Michael Hilton

Morningside\* - Jeff Winkler

West Hills\*- Jonathan Dodd

## Wednesday

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

## Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

\*Childcare provided

\*\* Kid's play area available