



Sunday Evening Service
September 9, 2018

Welcome to City Reformed on Sunday Evenings

We expect that many people who are with us may not be familiar with Christianity or the way our worship service is structured. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do. This Sunday evening service is part of City Reformed Presbyterian Church, which also meets on Sunday mornings in Oakland.

City Reformed Worship Schedule:

Oakland location: (*Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of the Month*)

9:00 AM Christian Education (all ages)

10:15 AM Worship Service (Children's Church for kids 4-7)

11:45 AM Food & fellowship

Squirrel Hill location: (*Lord's Supper on the 3rd Sunday of the Month*)

6:30 PM Worship Service

8:00 PM "Grill the Preacher" Q&A, food and fellowship

What kind of Church is City Reformed?

- 1) We have a very high view of the Bible ("inerrancy"). We believe that it is God's good Word to us, and it applies to all of life.
 - 2) We are "Gospel-centered"—we preach the good news of grace through Jesus to all people, no matter how deep their problems. The Gospel compels us to engage the city around us, it calls us to renew our minds, it draws us together to be the family of God, and it directs our worship to the living God.
 - 3) We are linked to the historic Protestant church ("evangelical") & to other Christians throughout the world.
 - 4) We are a part of a denomination called the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The term "presbyterian" means that we believe in shared leadership in the church & checks and balances on our leaders.
- For more information visit www.cityreformed.org.

How do I connect?

We would love to get to know you! Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the worship service. If you would like to contact a pastor please send us an email: joseph@cityreformed.org. The best way to meet other members of our congregation is to visit one of our community groups (listed on page 8.) The groups are always open for visitors, and brand new groups form throughout the year.

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And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

- Revelation 15:3-4

Worship Service

Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Please stand for the call to worship if you are able.

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

People: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Invocation

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:4-8

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Chorus

*O God You are
You are our help You are our helper
To all generations You will be
Forever and ever
Our Shield and our Eternal Hope
O Lord You are the Ancient of Days
And worthy of our praise*

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Chorus

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Chorus

Call to Confession: Psalm 40:11-13 (paraphrased)

Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me. For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words, and blameless in your judgment.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 18:30-32

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?—the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.

Song of Renewal

SOLID ROCK (MY HOPE IS BUILT)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus 2x

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Psalm 86

A PSALM OF DAVID.

¹Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
²Preserve my life, for I am godly;
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are
my God.
³Be gracious to me, O LORD,
for to you do I cry all the day.
⁴Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
⁵For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call
upon you.
⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
⁷In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O LORD,
nor are there any works like yours.
⁹All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O LORD,
and shall glorify your name.
¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
¹²I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my
whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of
Sheol.

¹⁴O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
¹⁵But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and
gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
and faithfulness.
¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.
¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
that those who hate me may see and be put to
shame
because you, LORD, have helped me and
comforted me.

“Troublesome Days”
- Justin Kunkle

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Songs of Thanksgiving

DESERT SONG

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here*

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Chorus

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship

Chorus

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

O PRAISE THE NAME (ANÁSTASIS)

Chorus

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction