



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**March 26, 2023**

# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Evening Worship – March 26, 2023  
Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

## Call to Worship: Psalm 104:31-34, 35b

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

Leader May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works,

People **Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

Leader I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People **May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD...**

Leader Bless the LORD, O my soul!

People **Praise the Lord!**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)*

Every mouth that cries for food,  
Every lung that yearns for breath,  
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,  
King of Heaven, King of Earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made,  
God of all-sustaining grace!  
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,  
Every bird that seeks its nest,  
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,  
And the song upon my lips,  
With the chorus of creation join in praise:  
To the God who made all things,  
To the Spirit who sustains,  
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

## Hosanna

*(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)*

Hosanna, in the highest  
Let our King be lifted up  
Hosanna

## **Call to Confession: John 12:23, 32-33**

And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified... And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we need the forgiveness that is offered in Jesus Christ. We confess that we sin against you and against our neighbors. We cannot do enough good deeds to make up for it. Even our best actions are tainted by selfishness. If we were to stand before you without Jesus we would be lost.

So, we praise you for the grace that is ours in Christ Jesus. We are thankful that he suffered in our place. He was cursed in our place. He was rejected in our place. He lived a righteous life in our place. He died in our place. And he was raised for our salvation.

Draw our eyes back to the cross of Jesus Christ. We know that it is our only hope. Convict us, shape us, renew us, and change us as we understand more deeply the crucifixion of our savior. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: John 3:13-15**

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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## Before the Throne of God Above

*(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft Music: Vikki Cook 1997)*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in Heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me (2x)

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God (2x)

# Scripture & Homily

Psalm 61

"Lead me to the Rock"

-Reverend Mark Robinson

**H**ear my cry, O God,  
listen to my prayer;  
<sup>2</sup>from the end of the earth I call to you  
when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock  
that is higher than I,  
<sup>3</sup>for you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the enemy.

<sup>4</sup>Let me dwell in your tent forever!  
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Selah

<sup>5</sup>For you, O God, have heard my vows;  
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your  
name.

<sup>6</sup>Prolong the life of the king;  
may his years endure to all generations!  
<sup>7</sup>May he be enthroned forever before God;  
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

<sup>8</sup>So will I ever sing praises to your name,  
as I perform my vows day after day.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



# Song of Thanksgiving

## Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

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

*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

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

## Benediction