



*Sunday Evening Service*  
*July 22, 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:***

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

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

11:45 AM Food & fellowship

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

9:15 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Christian Education (all ages)

10:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship

11:15 AM Worship Service (Children's Church for kids 4-7)

12:45 PM Food & Fellowship

All year: 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](http://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](mailto: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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Did not our own perverseness blind our understandings, we would see that, even in famine, we are furnished with food in such a manner, as that God shows us the manifold riches of his goodness. With regard to the renovation of our strength, the meaning is, that since, when our outward man decays, we are renewed to a better life, we have no reason to be troubled at the giving way of our strength, especially when he sustains us by his Spirit under the weakness and languishing of our mortal frames.

- John Calvin

# Worship Service

**Presider: Elder James Miller**

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

**Call to Worship: Psalm 36:5-10**

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends  
to the heavens, your faithfulness to the  
clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the  
mountains of God; your judgments  
are like the great deep; man and beast  
you save, O LORD.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O  
God! The children of mankind take  
refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your  
house, and you give them drink from  
the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in  
your light do we see light.

**People: Oh, continue your steadfast love  
to those who know you, and your  
righteousness to the upright of heart!**

**Prayer of Invocation**

GOD WITH US

You have come to bring peace  
To be love, to be nearer to us  
You have come to bring life  
To be light, to shine brighter in us.  
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

*Chorus*

*Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our redemption  
God with us, You are God with us.*

You have come to be hope  
To this world for Your honor and name.  
You have come to take sin  
To bear shame and to conquer the grave.  
Oh Emmanuel, "God with us".

You are here and  
You are holy  
We are standing  
In Your glory (Lord)

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:4-9**

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*Chorus*

*Bless the Lord O my soul*

*O my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before*

*O my soul*

*I'll worship His holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Chorus*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Chorus*

I'll worship His holy name

***Call to Confession: Romans 6:21-23***

But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Prayer of Confession***

**Our Gracious God and heavenly Father, we too quickly forget that the wages of sin is death. Our sin is not to be taken lightly or trivially, to be forgotten or ignored, to be minimized or diminished. Therefore, we confess that every sin we commit, large or small, is in direct opposition to your holy will. We confess that every sin we commit before a perfect and holy God, deserves death. The sins of our heart, mind, and body we confess to you now, acknowledging the weight and gravity of our transgressions. Yet we praise you Father, for although our sin deserves death, Christ's death covers our sin. Thank you for the grace we receive through the sacrifice of your Son. Amen.**

***Silent Confession***

***Assurance of Pardon: Romans 7:4-6***

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

## ***Song of Renewal***

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name;  
You are mine.

### *Chorus*

*For I am the Lord, your God (echo)*  
*I am the Lord, your God*  
*I Am The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*  
*Repeat*

*I am the Lord (Do not fear)*  
*I am the Lord (Do not fear)*  
*I am the Lord (Do not fear)*  
*I am the Lord (Do not fear)*

When you walk through the fire,  
You'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name;  
You are mine.

### *Chorus*

## ***Corporate & Pastoral Prayer***

## ***Additional Scripture***

Genesis 2:7 ...then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

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Genesis 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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Exodus 20:5-6 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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Exodus 34:6-7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

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Deuteronomy 16:18 "You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment."

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Isaiah 6:10 "Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

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Isaiah 40:31 ...but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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Hosea 14:4 I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.

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Luke 1:53 ...he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

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Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## *Sermon*

### **Psalm 103**

OF DAVID.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who  
fear him;  
<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from  
us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who  
fear him.  
<sup>14</sup>For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.  
<sup>15</sup>As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
<sup>16</sup>for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
<sup>17</sup>But the steadfast love of the LORD is from  
everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
<sup>18</sup>to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
<sup>19</sup>The LORD has established his throne in the  
heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
<sup>20</sup>Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!  
<sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!  
<sup>22</sup>Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

“Defining our True Condition - Who I Am in Christ”  
- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## *Song of Thanksgiving*

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish  
Blows the wind and it is gone  
But while mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the high eternal One

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He Knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## *Prayer*

### *Announcements*

### *Benediction*