



*Sunday Evening Service*  
*August 12, 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.

## ***Evening Service Coordinator:***

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

- Psalm 91:1-2

# Worship Service

**Presider: Elder James Miller**

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

**Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1,12**

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

**People: And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!**

Leader: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**People: For we shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.**

Leader: The mountains and the hills before us shall break forth into singing,

**People: And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him for  
He is thy health and salvation!

*Chorus*

*All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

*Repeat*

Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

*Chorus*

*Hast thou not seen  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Repeat*

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and  
Mercy here daily attend thee.

*Chorus*

*Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.*

*Repeat*

Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him.

*Chorus*

*Let the Amen*

*Sound from His people again,*

*Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

*Repeat*

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:27-31**

EVERLASTING

The Lord is my light and salvation  
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?  
The Lord is the strength of my life,  
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?

I will wait for you, I will wait for you.  
I will wait for you, I will wait for you.

I will remain confident in this  
I will see the goodness of the Lord  
I will remain confident in this  
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You.  
We set our hope on Your love.  
We set our hope on the Lord,  
Who is the everlasting God.  
You are the everlasting God.

**Call to Confession: Proverbs 1:22-23**

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. And yet, O Lord, as we admit our sins and disobedience against you, we also know you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, that the actions of our lives, the words of our mouths, and even the smallest thoughts of our minds may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, both now and forevermore.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## *Song of Renewal*

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you strength to bear it,  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory (3x)  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him,  
Blest the ears that hear His voice;  
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him,  
And in Him alone rejoice;  
His commandments (3x)  
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary,  
Is the rest the cross supplies;  
All who taste it (3x)  
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

## *Corporate & Pastoral Prayer*

## *Additional Scripture*

Psalm 6:3 My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long?

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Psalm 74:9-10 We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is none among us who knows how long. How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever?

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Psalm 90:13 Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

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Psalm 119:84 How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me?

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Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

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Isaiah 33:2 O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.

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Lamentations 3:25-26 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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Micah 7:7 But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

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## ***Sermon***

### **Psalm 13**

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

<sup>1</sup>How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup>How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

<sup>3</sup>Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup>lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

<sup>5</sup>But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup>I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

"How Long, O LORD?"  
- Reverend John McCombs

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ***Song of Thanksgiving***

SWEET COMFORT

Whatever my God ordains is right  
His holy will abides  
I will be still whatever He does  
And follow where He guides

*Chorus*

*Sweet comfort sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart*

Whatever my God ordains is right  
He makes my feet to stand  
Though sorrow need or death be mine  
He holds me in His hand

This bitter cup I take it  
My fainting heart restored  
So here I stand unshaken  
I trust upon the Lord

He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me I shall not fall  
Whatever my God ordains is right  
To Him I leave it all

***Prayer***

***Announcements***

***Benediction***