



Sunday Evening Service
August 19, 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.

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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Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

- Psalm 119:17-18

Worship Service

Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1, 4, 25-26, 28-29

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer of Invocation

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.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-8

PSALM 25

Good and upright
Are you Lord
You teach us sinners
In your ways
Repeat

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways
Repeat

All your ways are
Loving, faithful, Lord
To those who
Seek your face
Repeat

You give grace to
The humble hearted
And instruct them
In your ways
Repeat

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways
Repeat

Call to Confession: Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Prayer of Confession

Our great and heavenly Father, we confess that we have fallen short of keeping your commands. We have failed to consider your laws, often disregard them, and fall far short of keeping them. We have not seen your law as a delight, but as a burden, and therefore have forgotten the freedom promised to us in the gospel. We have failed to seek you and have followed the counsel of our own wisdom. We confess that, left to ourselves, we would rather go our own way apart from you. Thank you for your faithfulness, for teaching us when we do not want to learn, for watching over us when we do not want to be seen, and for loving us when we did not love you. Thank you, most of all, for the grace and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suffering seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus;
And we cling to him, our strength.

Chorus

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"
When we meet our King of Grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

We will see our wounded Savior.
We'll behold him face to face;
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Additional Scripture

Leviticus 22:20 You shall not offer anything that has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable for you.

Deuteronomy 17:12 The man who acts presumptuously by not obeying the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.

1 Samuel 14:27 But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath, so he put out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes became bright.

Psalms 119:127 Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold.

Proverbs 8:19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver.

Proverbs 24:13-14 My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

Proverbs 25:13 Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters.

Romans 10:18-19 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry."

Sermon

Psalm 19

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- ²Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- ³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- ⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his
chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- ¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous
sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

“The Big Book, The Little Book, & Our Response”
- Reverend John McCombs

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the Church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. Please return to your seat using the right aisle.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.

Song of Communion

O PRAISE THE NAME (ANÁSTASIS)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

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*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

HOSANNA

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

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction