



Sunday Evening Service
September 23, 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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I'm an old man, and this is one of my dreams: that my descendants will one day live in a land where people are quick to confess their wrongdoing and forgive the wrongdoing of others and are eager to build something beautiful together.

- John M. Perkins, *Dream with Me: Race, Love, and the Struggle We Must Win*

Worship Service

Presider: Dave Nameun Cho

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 46:8-11

Leader: Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the
earth.

**People: He makes wars cease to the end of the
earth; he breaks the bow and shatters
the spear; he burns the chariots with
fire.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will
be exalted among the nations, I will be
exalted in the earth!"

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:15-18

GLORIA - PSALM 34

I sought for the King.
Then He heard my cry,
And delivered me
From my lonely fears.

They looked unto Him
In His radiance.
All their faces have
Been made unashamed.

Chorus

Gloria! (4x)

O, taste and see

That the Lord is good

All you people

All you saints

All you children of the King. (2x)

Gloria! (4x)

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Whoever 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,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

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,
To look on Him and pardon me.

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,
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Call to Confession: Isaiah 58:6-7

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Prayer of Confession:

Father, forgive us for how we so often live in our own bubbles. Although we may express concern for the poor or for the work of the church, we still tend to avoid people who make us uncomfortable, who are different from us. We find it easier to advance causes than to love real people. Help us to open our eyes to see, to listen, to love the people around us and in our community, in word and deed. Thank you for loving us first, while we were avoiding you and were unlovely to you in our sins.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 55:3

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Song of Renewal

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world.
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings,
And round him rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world!
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas.
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
The birds their carols raise
The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world!
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget.
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle has been won;
Jesus who died
Shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Additional Scripture

Exodus 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Exodus 23:2-3 You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

Leviticus 19:15 You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

Job 21:7-9 Why do the wicked live, reach old age, and grow mighty in power? Their offspring are established in their presence, and their descendants before their eyes. Their houses are safe from fear, and no rod of God is upon them.

Proverbs 17:5 Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all.

Proverbs 24:11-12 Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?

Proverbs 29:13 The poor man and the oppressor meet together; the Lord gives light to the eyes of both.

Ecclesiastes 7:15 In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing.

Ecclesiastes 8:14 There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

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Sermon

Psalm 82

A PSALM OF ASAPH.

- ¹God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- ²“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
- ³Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.
- ⁴Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
- ⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶I said, “You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
- ⁷nevertheless, like men you shall die,
and fall like any prince.”
- ⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for you shall inherit all the nations!

“Human Justice”
- David Snoke

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture (continued)

Jeremiah 12:1 Righteous are you, O LORD, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?

John 10:34-36 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

Romans 13:1-2 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

Romans 13:4 ...for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

Romans 13:6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

Songs of Thanksgiving

HAND OF GOD - PSALM 82

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign
So that you might stand for the weak
He made you judge so the fatherless
And the poor could rest in your strength
But you have left them in darkness
And the earth's foundations shake

Chorus

*How long O Lord before your justice reigns
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

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Prayer

Announcements

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