



"Broken hearts think God far away, when he is really most near them; their eyes are holden so that they see not their best friend. Indeed, he is with them, and in them, but they know it not. They run hither and thither, seeking peace in their own works, or in experiences, or in proposals and resolutions, whereas the Lord is nigh them, and the simple act of faith will reveal him."

- Treasury of David, by Charles H. Spurgeon

Sunday Evening Communion Service
June 15, 2025

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-5, 20-22

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

Leader Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

People Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD... Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

People For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Prayer of Invocation

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread his praise from shore to shore.
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

Glorify Thy Name

(Words & Music: Donna Adkins 1976)

Father we love you
We worship and adore you
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love you
We worship and adore you
Glorify thy name in all the earth
Glorify thy name
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Spirit we love you
We worship and adore you
Glorify thy name in all the earth
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Call to Confession: Hebrews 6:7-8

For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

Prayer of Confession:

Our gracious and heavenly Father, we are like the land on whom the rain falls, producing a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated. You have blessed us immensely, but we confess that we do not always use these blessings to bless. We confess the ways we store up grain for ourselves rather than opening the storehouses. We confess the ways we doubt your provision during lean years. We confess fearing man rather than fearing you. Help us again, that we may respond to the great blessings we have in Christ by pouring out our blessings to others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 6:9-12

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207)

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

Scripture & Homily: Psalm 34

"The King of Worship"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

¹¹Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

²⁰He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

²¹Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be
condemned.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Psalm 25:2 / O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Proverbs 13:18 / Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.

Isaiah 54:4 / "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more."

Romans 1:16 / For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 8:1 / There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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-communing 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 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. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.

Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

Approach My Soul

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin and Laura Story)

Approach my soul the mercy seat where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before his feet for none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea with this I venture nigh
Thou calls our burdened souls to Thee and such O Lord am I

*Oh wondrous love
Oh boundless grace
Rejoice my soul forever
Christ has made a way*

Bowed down beneath a load of sin by satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within I come to Thee for rest
Be Thou my shield and hiding place that sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face and tell him Thou hast died

O wondrous love to bleed and die to bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I might plead Thy gracious name
The tempted soul he tells be still my promised grace receive
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will I can I do believe
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will I can I do believe

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

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.
(repeat)
Amen

Benediction

