



"Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord."

- J.I. Packer

Sunday Evening Service
June 29, 2025

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City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-12:2

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

Leader Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People **"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"**

Leader "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

People **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Leader I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Prayer of Invocation

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
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Salvation Belongs To Our God

(Words & Music: Adrian Howard & Pat Turner 1985)

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

*Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen*

And we the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honor and power and strength

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you alone are perfect and holy. We want to believe that we are pretty good people, but in reality our lives are dirty and our thoughts are impure. We sin daily in thought, word, and deed. We would love to cover this up and pretend that it is not true. But your law convicts us. When we see your commandments they become a mirror to us. We see that we are selfish and sinful. We hurt others and we turn from you. We have no hope of being righteous on our own.

So we thank you for Jesus. He is our righteousness. In his death we have life. In his resurrection we have power to put sin to death. By faith we are your children. Make your law clear to our eyes so that sin is clear and Christ is seen to be precious. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

Scripture & Homily: Psalm 103

"Meditations on the Character of God"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

O f David.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴For he knows our frame;

he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass;

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments.

¹⁹The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰Bless the LORD, O you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his word,

obeying the voice of his word!

²¹Bless the LORD, all his hosts,

his ministers, who do his will!

²²Bless the LORD, all his works,

in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Psalm 119:11 / I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Colossians 3:16 / Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Song of Thanksgiving

O Worship The King (Psalm 104)

(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's; Words: Robert Grant 1833)

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In you do we trust nor find you to fail
Your mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
The humbler creation though feeble their ways
With true adoration shall all sing your praise

Benediction