



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**June 8, 2025**

**"Others**

*What is your beloved more than another beloved,*

*O most beautiful among women?*

*What is your beloved more than another beloved,*

*that you thus adjure us?*

**She**

*My beloved is radiant and ruddy,*

*distinguished among ten thousand."*

*- Song of Solomon 5:9-10*

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

## Call to Worship: Revelation 19:6-9

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

Leader Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,  
like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals  
of thunder, crying out,

People **"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**

Leader Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

People **For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has  
made herself ready;**

Leader It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and  
pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

People **And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who  
are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said  
to me, "These are the true words of God."**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)

Come to the mountain of the LORD,  
A home for the nations.  
Come to the hill above all hills,  
Greater than kingdoms.  
People from all the earth will flow  
Into his presence.

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.  
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God  
And follow his pathway.  
Let the LORD teach us in the Word  
That goes out from Zion.  
The Law of the LORD will be the light  
That leads us to worship.

Bring your dispute before the LORD,  
And look for his justice.  
Bring to our God your love for war;  
Replace it with mercy.  
Nations will lay their weapons down  
And take up forgiveness.

## To God Be The Glory

*(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875 & Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)*

To God be the glory great things he has done  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)  
Let the earth hear his voice  
Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things he has taught us  
Great things he has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

## **Call to Confession: Hosea 2:2, 7-8, 13**

"Plead with your mother, plead—for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband— ... She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.' And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. ... And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the LORD."

## **Prayer of Confession:**

O Lord, every good gift comes from you. Like a loving, faithful husband, you provide us with everything that we need. And yet, we are wont to think these gifts come rather from our own hands, from our idols of self-sufficiency and productivity. Forgive us that we have turned from you, our first love, to such idols. Turn our hearts back to you, and we shall be turned. Make us faithful to the faithful covenant you have made with us, your people. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Hosea 2:14-16, 19-20**

"Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt. And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' ... And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD."

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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## Apostles' Creed

*(Words & Music: Traditional Sacred Heart Melody)*

I believe in God the Father,  
Maker of all heav'n and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
God's own Son of matchless worth;  
By the Spirit was conceivéd,  
Of the virgin Mary born,  
He in whom I have believéd;  
God Almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontious Pilate,  
Crucified for me he died.  
Laid within the grave so silent,  
Gates of hell he opened wide;  
For the stone sealed tomb was empty;  
On the third day He arose;  
Into heaven made his entry,  
Mighty conquer'r of his foes.

At God's right hand he is seated,  
Till his coming, as he said;  
Final judgement will be meted  
To the living and the dead;  
I confess the Holy Spirit,  
Who was sent through Christ the Son.  
To apply salvation's merit:  
God, the Spirit Three in one.

I believe the church of Jesus,  
Universal e'er remains;  
We are one through all the ages  
In communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven,  
That our bodies will be raised.  
To eternal life in glory,  
Ever let his name be praised. \_\_\_\_\_

## Scripture & Homily: Psalm 45

### "Preparations for a Royal Wedding"

- Elder Ben Chidester

**M**y heart overflows with a pleasing theme;  
I address my verses to the king;  
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

<sup>2</sup>You are the most handsome of the sons of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips;  
therefore God has blessed you forever.

<sup>3</sup>Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,  
in your splendor and majesty!

<sup>4</sup>In your majesty ride out victoriously  
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;  
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

<sup>5</sup>Your arrows are sharp  
in the heart of the king's enemies;  
the peoples fall under you.

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.  
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of  
uprightness;

<sup>7</sup>you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.  
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

<sup>8</sup>your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and  
cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

<sup>9</sup>daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:  
forget your people and your father's house,

<sup>11</sup>and the king will desire your beauty.  
Since he is your lord, bow to him.

<sup>12</sup>The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people.

<sup>13</sup>All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes  
interwoven with gold.

<sup>14</sup>In many-colored robes she is led to the king,  
with her virgin companions following behind her.

<sup>15</sup>With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

<sup>16</sup>In place of your fathers shall be your sons;  
you will make them princes in all the earth.

<sup>17</sup>I will cause your name to be remembered in all  
generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



## Additional Scripture

1 Samuel 16:7 / But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

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Isaiah 53:1-3 / Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

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Isaiah 61:10 / I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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Ephesians 5:25-32 / Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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Revelation 21:1-2 / Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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## Notes

# Song of Thanksgiving

## Psalm 72 | Jesus Shall Reign

*(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music: "Duke Street" John Hatton 1793)*

Jesus shall reign wher e'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall rise and set no more

To him shall endless prayer be made  
And princes throng to crown his head  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name

Blessings abound wherever he reigns  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all the sons of want are blest

Let every creature rise and bring  
The highest honors to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeats the loud amen

## Benediction