



Sunday Evening Communion Service
July 20, 2025

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City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:1-6

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

Leader God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

People **As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

Leader But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!**

Leader Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

People **God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

Prayer of Invocation

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

Gloria Patri

(Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2020)

Blessing honor power to the Lord
Father Maker of heaven and the earth

*Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning now and evermore will be
Amen*

Blessing honor power to the Lamb
Jesus Lion of Judah come again

Blessing honor Spirit of the Lord
Help us keep us lead us to the Word

O heavens come join us to
Worship the Lord in the
Splendor of holiness

Call to Confession: Matthew 23:37-39

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Prayer of Confession: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:18-22

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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)

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

(Words: Charles Wesley 1747; Music: Lowell Mason 1839)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled chest!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till with heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Scripture & Homily: Psalm 132

"The Chosen"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

A Song of Ascents.

- Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
²how he swore to the LORD
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³"I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
⁶Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷"Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!"
⁸Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
⁹Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.
¹⁰For the sake of your servant David,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
¹¹The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.
¹²If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
shall sit on your throne."
¹³For the LORD has chosen Zion;

he has desired it for his dwelling place:
¹⁴“This is my resting place forever;
 here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
¹⁵I will abundantly bless her provisions;
 I will satisfy her poor with bread.
¹⁶Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
 and her saints will shout for joy.
¹⁷There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
 I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
¹⁸His enemies I will clothe with shame,
 but on him his crown will shine.”

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-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

Mystery

(Words & Music: Charlie Hall 2008)

Bread of Heaven, broken for me
 Cup of Salvation, held out to drink
 Jesus, mystery

*Christ has died and, Christ is risen
 Christ will come again*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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