



Sunday Evening Communion Service
August 17, 2025

*"Reformed Theology believes that every other truth, every other doctrine,
must be understood in light of the truth of God Himself."*

- Ligon Duncan - July 8, 2008

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Habakkuk 3:8-13a

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

Leader Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation?

People **You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. You split the earth with rivers.**

Leader The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high.

People **The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear.**

Leader You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger.

People **You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 90 | O God Our Help In Ages Past

(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music: William Croft 1708)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home!

O God of Our Salvation

(Words & Music: Michael Bleecker and Matt Boswell 2009)

O God of our salvation
Who reigns upon the throne
The sov'reign Father great is he
From whom all blessings flow

*O God of our salvation
From whom redemption comes
O Father Son and Spirit
The blessed Three in One*

Behold the Son our savior
Who for our sin was slain
The Christ Who purchased with his blood
The wretched souls of men

O God the Holy Spirit
Revealing deity
The fount of life and love divine
Throughout eternity

Call to Confession: Luke 17:22-26

And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man."

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: 1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 61 | Lead Me To The Rock

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2021)

Hear my cry O God
Listen to my pray'r
From the ends of the earth I will call
Though my heart faints I will not despair

Lead me to the Rock
The Rock that is higher than I

*You are my refuge my strong defense
You are the height of my song
You are the rock that can bear my heart
The Rock that is higher than I*

Let me worship you
Make your presence sure
Comfort me with the wings of your love
You have blessed me like those who are pure

Christ has died for all
Christ is risen now
Christ will come as our King on the throne
Day to day I will praise you alone

Scripture & Homily: Psalm 93

"A Flood of Assurance"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

²Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty!

⁵Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Genesis 6:17 / For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.

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.

1 Corinthians 2:7 / But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

Ephesians 1:11-12 / In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Hebrews 12:2 / Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Peter 2:5 / If he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

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

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.

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.
Amen

Benediction