



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**August 31, 2025**

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1-6

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

**Leader** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People** **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

**Leader** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**People** **He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

**Leader** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**People** **The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Psalm 72 | Hail to The Lord's Anointed

*(Words: James Montgomery 1821; Music: Sandra McCracken 2012)*

*Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun,  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong.  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever,  
That name to us is Love.

## **Psalm 25**

*(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)*

Good and upright  
Are you Lord  
You teach us sinners  
In your ways *(repeat)*

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways *(repeat)*

All your ways are  
Loving, faithful, Lord  
To those who  
Seek your face *(repeat)*

You give grace to  
The humble hearted  
And instruct them  
In your ways *(repeat)*

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## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 5:6-7**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

## **Prayer of Confession: 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 5:10-11**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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## King of Kings

*(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)*

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
'Till from heaven you came running  
There was mercy in your eyes  
To fulfill the Law and Prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of glory majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
Now we see that in your suff'ring  
You saw glory to behold  
Knowing you were our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died

For the morning that you rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
'Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
Then the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are re-stored

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Then the Church of Christ was born  
And the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By his blood and in his name  
In his freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

## **Scripture & Homily:** Psalm 146 & Psalm 149 "The King of Power and Mercy"

- Elder Dave Snoke

### **Psalm 146**

**P**raise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

### **Psalm 149**

**P**raise the LORD!  
Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!  
<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!  
<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!  
<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.  
<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.  
<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,  
<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,  
<sup>8</sup>to bind their kings with chains  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,  
<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all his godly ones.  
Praise the LORD!

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Isaiah 57:15 / For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

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James 4:6 / But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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Revelation 19:1 / After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,"

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## Song of Thanksgiving

### Psalm 2 | O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage

O wherefore do the nations rage,  
And kings and rulers strive in vain,  
Against the Lord of earth and heav'n  
To overthrow Messiah's reign?

Their strength is weakness in the sight  
Of him who sits enthroned above;  
He speaks, and judgments fall on them  
Who tempt his wrath and scorn his love.

By God's decree his Son receives  
The nations for his heritage;  
The conqu'ring Christ supreme shall reign  
As King of kings, from age to age.

Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,  
And serve the Lord with godly fear;  
With rev'rent joy confess the Son  
While yet in mercy he is near.

Delay not, lest his anger rise,  
And ye should perish in your way;  
Lo, all that put their trust in him  
Are blest indeed, and blest alway.

## Benediction