



*"No sooner do I conceive of the One than I am illuminated by the splendor of the Three; no sooner do I distinguish Them than I am carried back to the One."*

*- Gregory of Nazianzus, 4th century bishop*

**Sunday Evening Service**  
**September 14, 2025**

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Craig Kozminski

## Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader Know that the LORD, he is God!

People **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Leader For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

People **And his faithfulness to all generations.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Praise to the Lord the Almighty #53**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed  
Thee.  
How oft in grief  
Hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

## **Come Thou Fount #457**

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## **Call to Confession: John 17:18-23**

As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.  
And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be  
sanctified in truth.

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe  
in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you,  
Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so  
that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory  
that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be  
one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may  
become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent  
me and loved them even as you loved me."

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, you have called us to be one, of one heart, mind, and purpose, just as you – Father, Son, and Spirit – are one, and by this, to reflect your character to the world. Yet we confess that we are prone to strife, division, jealousy, and selfishness. We desire to exalt ourselves over each other, rather than seeking to serve one another in love. Forgive us that we have not loved each other as you have loved us and that we have been poor witnesses of the unity and purity of your love. Give us hearts that love as you love. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

### **Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,\* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

\* Universal church

# Corporate Prayer

## Song of Renewal

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### Jesus What a Friend for Sinners #498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
He, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive him,  
More than all in him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am his, and he is mine.

## Scripture & Homily: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

"Imitating our Servant-Hearted, Triune God"

- Elder Ben Chidester

**N**ow there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4 / "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

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Matthew 20:25-28 / But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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Ephesians 4:1-6 / I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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## Sermon Outline

- The nature of our Triune God
- The character of our Triune God
- Use your unique gifts and callings in service together



## Notes

# Song of Thanksgiving

## The Church's One Foundation #347

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her,  
And false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

## **Benediction**

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>Fall Gift Pickup</b> Children's Ministry Families	Any school-aged children who have not picked up a set of Bible tabs or "Entering His Presence" should come visit Miss Becki in the foyer after church this week or next week! Contact: <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>RUF at Pitt</b> Thursdays, 9 PM David Lawrence Hall, 104	RUF Large Group Worship and Bible Study is meeting on Thursdays in David Lawrence Hall Room 104 this semester at Pitt. All college students welcome!
<b>Women's Bible Study</b> Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM Greenfield Chapel	Studying Revelation using Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation by Nancy Guthrie. Contact Tracy ( <a href="mailto:partridge.ta@gmail.com">partridge.ta@gmail.com</a> ) or Luda ( <a href="mailto:luda.bates@gmail.com">luda.bates@gmail.com</a> ). Childcare provided.
<b>Women's Brunch</b> Saturday, September 20 10-12:00 PM 300 Saline Street	Come hear women reflect on the ways that God has created them in Christ Jesus for good works (Eph 2:10). We are especially eager to include college women! Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2vyndeu4">https://tinyurl.com/2vyndeu4</a> . Contact Amanda ( <a href="mailto:mooreae1@gmail.com">mooreae1@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Tie-Dye/Backyard Bonfire (MS &amp; HS)</b> Saturday, September 20 6:30 PM-8:30 PM	All MS and HS students are invited to join us for food and fellowship at the McMillan's house! We will provide one t-shirt to tie-dye per student, but students can bring additional clothing to dye. See you there!
<b>Children's Church Training</b> September 26, 7:30-9 PM, September 27, 9-10:30 AM	If you are a Children's Church teacher or are interested in learning about serving, please plan to join us for one of two identical training sessions! Both will be hosted at Coleman Street. Contact: <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Membership Class</b> October 3-4 300 Saline Street	Looking to learn more about our church and/or pursue formal membership? Consider attending our dual-session class at 300 Saline Street. Registration now open at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y7re3vp7">https://tinyurl.com/y7re3vp7</a>
<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> Saturday, October 11 9-10:30 AM 300 Saline Street	Men, and young men of City Reformed, please join us for a nourishing breakfast and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection on our <i>Caring for One Another</i> teaching series! Registration is now open at the following link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall25PB">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCFall25PB</a>
<b>Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministry (PRISM)</b> You can connect with a student!	PRISM needs connection partners! It's a wonderful opportunity to invest in the life of an international student. Complete a profile & be matched to a student at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25">https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25</a> . Talk to Bethany Beck or a Missions Committee member to learn more.
<b>Youth Ministry Job Opening</b>	The Youth Ministry is looking for a male candidate to engage in discipleship relationships with our male youth. Email <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a> to apply or for more information.