



**Sunday Evening Communion Service**  
**September 21, 2025**

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

## Call to Worship: Psalm 33: 1-9

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

**Leader** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

**People** Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**Leader** For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

**People** By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

**Leader** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**People** For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

## Prayer of Invocation

## Psalm 96 | Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Jalen Bell, Nate Glasper Jr., Eron Lauchié 2024)

Sing to the LORD, sing a new song  
To God whom the glory of nations belong  
Trust in the LORD and not empty praise  
For Great is the LORD and great are his ways

Give to the LORD O drifter and saint  
Give to the LORD both glory and strength  
Bring him your life and make it his throne  
Offer your heart and enter his home

*Say the LORD reigns, he's breaking the curse  
Here the LORD brings his kingdom to earth  
Now The LORD reigns! With heaven we sing  
"Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King"*

The heavens rejoice with earth and the sea  
They join in the song of true jubilee  
Creation proclaims the day of the Lord  
And kingdom shalom will soon be restored

*Say the LORD reigns! All nations and tribes  
Here the LORD reigns, the church as his bride  
Now The LORD reigns! Let everyone sing  
"Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King"*

His good good justice is fixed like the mountains  
His faithfulness and mercy are boundless

## God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

*(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes and Pete James 2016)*

God the uncreated one  
The author of salvation  
Wrote the laws of space and time  
And fashioned worlds to his design  
The one whom angel hosts revere  
Hung the stars like chandeliers  
Numbered every grain of sand  
Knows the heart of every man  
He is King forever  
He is King forever  
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength  
The Rock on which we can depend  
Matchless in his majesty  
His power and authority  
Unshaken by the schemes of man  
Never changing Great I Am  
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall  
He is faithful through it all  
Crown him King forever  
Crown him King forever  
Crown him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh  
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss  
The curse of sin and centuries  
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace  
Lifted high the sinless man  
Crucified the spotless Lamb  
Buried by the sons of man  
Rescued by the Father's hand  
To reign as King forever  
Reign as King forever  
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal God of grace  
We crown you with the highest praise  
Heaven shouts and saints adore  
You're holy holy holy Lord  
What joy in everlasting life  
All is love and faith is sight  
Justice rolls and praises rise  
At the name of Jesus Christ  
King of kings forever  
King of kings forever  
King of kings forevermore

## **Call to Confession: Psalm 33:18-19**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Heavenly Father, when we consider you, the sovereign king and creator, it is hard to fathom that you would be mindful of us, or that you would care for us. As frail creatures that rebel against you, we try to set ourselves up as lords of the universe. We strive to be free from you and your Word; unshackled from your law. But in breaking free from you we find ourselves imprisoned by our sin. Gracious father forgive us for that pride. Forgive us for thinking that we don't need your word. Forgive us for acting like we know better than the one who made us. Humble us we ask. Help us to find our strength not in ourselves but in you the sovereign God and king, and in Christ our Lord who is the mighty one; the Son of Man who saves us and sets us free. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 33:20–22**

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

## **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

*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](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207)*

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## Scripture & Homily: Genesis 1:1-2:3

"God as Creator"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

**I**n the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

<sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.



<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

<sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Notes

# 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

## 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.  
Amen

## Benediction