



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**September 28, 2025**

*"In the middle of a class one day, [my English professor] called on me, and she said in front of the whole class, 'Mr. Sproul, do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to God?' I thought, Of all the questions to be asked in front of the whole class, she had to ask me that one. And I went through a very severe moral crisis at that point because I knew if I answered what I believed that that would be very unpopular. But if I knew also that if I denied what I believed, I would be guilty of committing treason to Christ. So very weakly and very meekly I said to her, 'Yes, ma'am. I do believe that Jesus is the only way to God.' But when I said that in that classroom, she absolutely exploded. And she started to dress me down right in front of the whole class. And she said, 'That's the most conceited, that's the most arrogant statement I've ever heard from the mouth of a student.' And I offered no defense; I offered no rebuttal. I just tried to sneak down in my chair as far as I could go while she carried on in front of the whole class about how narrow-minded, conceited, and arrogant that was."*

*- RC Sproul*

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Revelation 5:8-13

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

Leader And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

People **"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."**

Leader Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People **"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Behold Him

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong & Paul Baloche 2019)

He who was before there was light  
Walked across the pages of time  
He who made every living thing  
Behold him  
He who heard humanity's cry  
Left his throne to wake as a child  
He became like the least of us  
Behold him

*Jesus Son of God Messiah  
The Lamb the roaring Lion  
Oh be still and behold Him  
Jesus Alpha and Omega  
Our God the risen Savior  
Oh be still and behold him*

He who dined with sinners and saints  
Healed the blind the lost and the lame  
Even now he is in our midst  
Behold him  
He who chose a criminal's end  
Paid with blood to settle our debt  
Buried death as He rose to life  
Behold him

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Worthy worthy worthy  
To receive all praise

## **Fairest Lord Jesus**

*(Words: Unknown; Music: Silesian Folk Melody)*

Fairest Lord Jesus ruler of all nature  
O Thou of God and Man the Son  
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor  
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling starry host  
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of all the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Glory and honor praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine

## **Call to Confession: John 3:19-21**

"And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

## **Prayer of Confession:**

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart, praise has often been praiseless sound. We have done things we should not have done, and we have not done things we should have done. If we were to stand before you on our own, we must surely be rejected.

However, all things in Christ plead for our acceptance. By his stripes we are healed, and he was bruised for our iniquities. He has been made sin so that we might be made righteous in you. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Christ's holy name. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16-17**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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## God So Loved

*(Words & Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash 2019)*

Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world*

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

## **Scripture & Homily:** Phil. 2:5-11, Acts 4:10-12, John 14:5-10 "Is Jesus the Only Savior?"

- Elder Dave Snoke

### **Philippians 2:5-11**

**H**ave this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Acts 4:10-12**

**L**et it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

### **John 14:5-10**

**T**homas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him

and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Outline:

1. Summary of orthodox teaching on the Son
2. Ways that this teaching makes a difference
3. Is it ethnocentric to believe Jesus is God's "only" Son?
  - God initiates, and tells us what he is like
  - We are helpless to save ourselves
  - God works in communities



## Notes

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 / Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Ephesians 2:1-9 / And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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Hebrews 2:14-15 / Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## Christ Is Mine Forevermore

*(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of Kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall his love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am his forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for his name  
But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And he has said he will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## Benediction

# Announcements

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<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>Newcomers' Lounge</b> WT Cafeteria	Looking for a dedicated space to meet leaders in the church? For all new visitors, we invite you to the cafeteria for a time of coffee and refreshments!
<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>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>Missions Dinner</b> Save the Date! Saturday, November 1 6:00-8:00 PM	Enjoy this potluck meal as we hear stories about how the good news of Jesus is spreading to every cultural group. We will hear about cross-cultural work in our backyard (PRISM) and across the world (including North Africa and Ethiopia), and discuss ways to support our partners. We hope you can come!
<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.