



Sunday Evening Service
October 5, 2025

"That which Christ has not assumed He has not healed."

- Gregory of Nazianzus, 4th century bishop

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 30:1-5

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

Leader I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

People O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

People You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Leader Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

People For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Prayer of Invocation

Blessed Assurance

(Words & Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp and Fanny Jane Crosby)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood

*This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
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Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

(Words: George Matheson 1882; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Prayer of Confession: From Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 59:15b-16, 20

The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.

"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

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

Membership Vows: Leslie McGargle

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)

Christ Is Lower Still

(Words & Music: Matt Maher, Kate Bluett, Doe Jones 2023)

Breathe in reach out
Touch the hem of your garment now
Help me heal me
My mind my body and soul

*Let the King descend
Living Word Made Flesh
Lift this heavy heart
To your throne O God*

*In your wounds I find
Room for all of mine
When from grace I fell
Christ was lower still*

Humbly lowly
Jesus waits in the valley
My savior suffers with me
With him I'll rise again

*Let the King descend
Living Word Made Flesh
Lift this heavy heart
To your throne O God*

*In your wounds I find
Room for all of mine
When from grace I fell
Christ was lower
'Till the earth is filled
Christ is lower still*

We lift it all up to you Lord
We lift it all up to you Lord

Scripture & Homily: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10 "A God Who Can Sympathize"

- Elder Ben Chidester

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5:7-10

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 7:14 / Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 / For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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Luke 1:30-35 / And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."

Song of Thanksgiving

So Rest My Rest

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2023; Inspiration & Title by Solomon Frank 1659-1725)

You left within a rocky cave
My guilt that brought you to the grave
O Lord you are the doubters' friend
The Rock on which my confidence depends

O Prince of Life! One thing I know
That when I too in death lie low
The chains of sin that hold me down
Will be transfigured to a holy crown

*So rest my Rest your love has won
With your death my work is done
Your life my life and your rest my rest
On you my soul relies
With you my hope will rise*

My Jesus King O day by day
Help me to watch to learn and pray
Because you died and rest I rest
My life in you will be forever blest

Benediction