



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**June 5, 2022**

*"One cannot transform a world except as individuals in the world are transformed, and individuals cannot be changed except as they are molded in the hands of the Master...[It caused Jesus] no great concern when his followers on the fringe of things gave up their allegiance when confronted with the true meaning of the Kingdom...Jesus was not trying to impress the crowd, but to usher in a kingdom."*

*--Robert Coleman, The Master Plan of Evangelism*

# Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you would like more information, please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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*Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about the nursery*

## Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

### Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

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

Leader For you are a people holy to the LORD your God

People **The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples.**

Leader But it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

People **Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.**

# Prayer of Invocation

## Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)*

Come to the mountain of the LORD  
A home for the nations  
Come to the hill above all hills  
Greater than kingdoms  
People from all the earth will flow  
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.  
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God  
And follow his pathway  
Let the LORD teach us in the word  
That goes out from Zion  
The Law of the LORD will be the light  
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the LORD  
And look for his justice  
Bring to our God your love for war  
Replace it with mercy  
Nations will lay their weapons down  
And take up forgiveness

## Lion and the Lamb

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Who can stop the Lord almighty  
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## Call to Confession: Ephesians 1:15-18

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

## Prayer of Confession:

Father, forgive us for fighting with the weapons of this world, for judging your kingdom by the standards of this world, for seeking happiness by the terms of this world. Help us to lift our eyes that we may see your glorious kingdom above all, powerful and eternal, and to set our priorities according to your Word and your Spirit. Fill us with the power of your Spirit today, we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: 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 body 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.

## 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).*

## Jesus with Thy Church Abide

*(Words: Thomas Pollock 1871 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

Jesus, with Thy Church abide,  
Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Bid our strife and envy cease,  
Grant the lovely gift of peace:  
All her dreadful sin release.  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May her lamp of truth be bright,  
Bid her bear aloft its light  
Through the realms of endless night:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Keep her life and doctrine pure,  
Help her, patient, to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find,  
And the broken hearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

May she thus all glorious be,  
Spotless and from sin borne free,  
Pure and bright, bring praise to Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

# Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 4:6-21

"God's Ways and the World's Ways"

- Elder Dave Snoke

I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. <sup>7</sup>For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

<sup>8</sup>Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! <sup>9</sup>For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. <sup>10</sup>We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup>To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, <sup>12</sup>and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup>when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

<sup>14</sup>I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup>For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>16</sup>I urge you, then, be imitators of me. <sup>17</sup>That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. <sup>18</sup>Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming

to you. <sup>19</sup>But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. <sup>20</sup>For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. <sup>21</sup>What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

## Additional Scripture.

John 10:11-13 / "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

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Romans 15:13 / May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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1 Corinthians 1:17 / For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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Ephesians 3:14-19 / For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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2 Thessalonians 1:11 / To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power...

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2 Timothy 1:7-8 / ... for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God...

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## Sermon Outline

1. Paul's "brag"— the way of suffering

Application: preacher-centeredness vs. Word-centeredness

2. "Be imitators of me" —the way of personal discipleship

Application: one-on-one connection

3. Power

What is "power" for Paul?

Application: endurance in doing good



# Songs of Thanksgiving

## All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

*(Words: Edward Perronet 1780; Music: Oliver Holden 1793)*

All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all

## Benediction

# Community Groups

**Community Groups** meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (Joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to: **www.cityreformed.org/community-groups**

## Sunday

Fox Chapel\*- Watson Barker

North Hills\*\*- David Bacon

## Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside\*- Jeff Winkler

West Hills\*- Jonathan Dodd

## Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

## Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester

Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

\*Childcare provided

\*\* Kid's play area available