



Sunday Evening Service
August 26, 2018

Welcome to City Reformed on Sunday Evenings

We expect that many people who are with us may not be familiar with Christianity or the way our worship service is structured. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do. This Sunday evening service is part of City Reformed Presbyterian Church, which also meets on Sunday mornings in Oakland.

City Reformed Worship Schedule:

Oakland location: (*Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of the Month*)

9:00 AM Christian Education (all ages)

10:15 AM Worship Service (Children's Church for kids 4-7)

11:45 AM Food & fellowship

Squirrel Hill location: (*Lord's Supper on the 3rd Sunday of the Month*)

6:30 PM Worship Service

8:00 PM "Grill the Preacher" Q&A, food and fellowship

What kind of Church is City Reformed?

- 1) We have a very high view of the Bible ("inerrancy"). We believe that it is God's good Word to us, and it applies to all of life.
- 2) We are "Gospel-centered"—we preach the good news of grace through Jesus to all people, no matter how deep their problems. The Gospel compels us to engage the city around us, it calls us to renew our minds, it draws us together to be the family of God, and it directs our worship to the living God.
- 3) We are linked to the historic Protestant church ("evangelical") & to other Christians throughout the world.
- 4) We are a part of a denomination called the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The term "presbyterian" means that we believe in shared leadership in the church & checks and balances on our leaders.

For more information visit www.cityreformed.org.

How do I connect?

We would love to get to know you! Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the worship service. If you would like to contact a pastor please send us an email: joseph@cityreformed.org. The best way to meet other members of our congregation is to visit one of our community groups (listed on page 8.) The groups are always open for visitors, and brand new groups form throughout the year.

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All my intimate friends abhor me,
and those whom I loved have turned against me.
My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,
and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.
Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
Why do you, like God, pursue me?
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?
“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

- Job 19:19-25

Worship Service

Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Please stand for the call to worship if you are able.

Call to Worship: Psalm 111:1-10

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

People: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Invocation

ARISE MY SOUL ARISE

Arise my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede.
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Chorus

Arise Echo: Arise

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Arise All: Arise my soul, arise

(Repeat)

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:39-44

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name;
You are mine.

Chorus

For I am the Lord, your God (echo)
I am the Lord, your God
I Am The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
Repeat

I am the Lord (Do not fear)
I am the Lord (Do not fear)
I am the Lord (Do not fear)
I am the Lord (Do not fear)

When you walk through the fire,
You'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name;
You are mine.

Call to Confession: Colossians 3:5-11

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

***Prayer of Confession: "Resting on God",
The Valley of Vision, by Arthur Bennett***

Oh God, I come to You as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to You - every sin which calls for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep spirituality in my heart. Let me live near to the great Shepherd: hear His voice, know its tones, and follow its calls. Keep me from deception by causing me to abide in truth. Keep me from harm by helping me to walk in the power of the Spirit. Give me intense faith in the eternal truth, burning into me by experience the things I know. Let me never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel, that I may bear its reproach and live in a way that vindicates it. Let me see Jesus as its essence and find in it the power of the Spirit.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Songs of Renewal

CREATE IN ME (PSALM 51:10-12)

Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, oh Lord.
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.
And renew a right spirit within me

PSALM 24 - WE LONG TO SEE YOU

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Additional Scripture

Job 2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 9:34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not dread of him terrify me.

Job 13:28 Man wastes away like a rotten thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.

Job 40:4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.

Psalm 80:16 They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

Luke 12:20 But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

1 Corinthians 7:31 ...and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Sermon

Psalm 39

TO THE CHOIRMASTER : TO JEDUTHUN. A PSALM OF DAVID.

¹I said, "I will guard my ways,
that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will guard my mouth with a muzzle,
so long as the wicked are in my presence."

²I was mute and silent;
I held my peace to no avail,
and my distress grew worse.
³My heart became hot within me.

As I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:

⁴"O LORD, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

⁵Behold, you have made my days a few
handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

⁶Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not know who
will gather!

⁷"And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

⁹I am mute; I do not open my mouth,
for it is you who have done it.

¹⁰Remove your stroke from me;
I am spent by the hostility of your hand.

¹¹When you discipline a man
with rebukes for sin,
you consume like a moth what is dear to him;
surely all mankind is a mere breath!

¹²"Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!

For I am a sojourner with you,
a guest, like all my fathers.

¹³Look away from me, that I may smile again,
before I depart and am no more!"

"That I May Smile Again"
- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Thanksgiving

COME YE SINNERS

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction