



Sunday Evening Service
August 5, 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:

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

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

11:45 AM Food & fellowship

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

9:15 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Christian Education (all ages)

10:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship

11:15 AM Worship Service (Children's Church for kids 4-7)

12:45 PM Food & Fellowship

All year: 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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Those who believe they have pleased God by the quality of their devotion and moral goodness naturally feel that they and their group deserve deference and power over others. The God of Jesus and the prophets, however, saves completely by grace. He cannot be manipulated by religious and moral performance—he can only be reached through repentance, through the giving up of power. If we are saved by sheer grace we can only become grateful, willing servants of God and of everyone around us.

- Timothy Keller

Worship Service

Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-9

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his
praise shall continually be in my
mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let
us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the LORD, and he answered
me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor man cried, and the LORD
heard him and saved him out of all his
troubles.**

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around
those who fear him, and delivers them.

**People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is
good! Blessed is the man who takes
refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you
his saints, for those who fear him have
no lack!**

Prayer of Invocation

COME LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

Come let us worship and bow down

Let us kneel before the Lord

Our God our Maker

For He is our God

And we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand

Just the sheep of His hand

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:11-14

ALL THINGS NEW

Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long-looked-for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Do you not hear our cry?

Chorus

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Build up this broken earth
Come and make all things new
All things new*

Come for creation groans
Impatient while you stay
Worn out in labor pains of hope
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Our faith is pressed by unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

Call to Confession: Luke 17:7-10

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious God and heavenly Father, often we seek to justify ourselves by our goodness. We do good things, and think that those things save us. We falsely believe we can earn our righteousness, rather than every righteous act being merely our duty. We swing between thinking too highly of ourselves and thinking too lowly of your grace. There is no end to the height of your grace, nor bottom to the pit of our sin, yet between these two we find the cross. Cause our hearts, minds, and souls to rest fully and confidently in the work of Jesus. Let his death and resurrection be our justification, our cleansing, and the forgiving of our sin. Let Him and Him alone be the very good our hearts so desire. May we find our satisfaction in Christ alone. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:3-7

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Song of Renewal

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed, by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Additional Scripture

Proverbs 16:8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

Proverbs 15:16 Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Luke 23:55-56 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

John 11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."

John 15:5-6 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

John 19:39-41 Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

Acts 13:35-39 Therefore he says also in another psalm, "You will not let your Holy One see corruption." For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses."

Acts 2:27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Sermon

Psalm 16

A MIKTAM OF DAVID.

¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

"No Good Apart From You"
- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Thanksgiving

GOOD GOOD FATHER

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are (3x)

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am (3x)

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction