



**Sunday Evening Service  
October 13, 2024**

*"Evangelism is not an option for the Christian life....I believe the reason many Christians are so dull and lifeless in their faith is because they are not in the battle, not using their weapons, not advancing against the enemy."*

*- George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilization*

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
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Presider: Elder Luke Kephart

## **Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-4, 9-10**

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

Leader Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

People **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

People **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**

## Prayer of Invocation

# O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

*(Words & Music: Charles Wesley 1739)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n;  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heav'n.

## **Be Unto Your Name**

*(Words & Music: y Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo 1998)*

We are a moment you are forever  
Lord of the ages God before time  
We are a vapor you are eternal  
Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises honor and glory  
Be unto your name  
Be unto your name*

We are the broken you are the healer  
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before you blessing your name

## **Call to Confession: Acts 1:6-8**

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## **Prayer of Confession: *From the Lausanne Covenant, Section 1***

**We affirm our belief in the one-eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of his will. He has been calling out from the world a people for himself, and sending his people back into the world to be his servants and his witnesses, for the extension of his kingdom, the building up of Christ's body, and the glory of his name. We confess with shame that we have often denied our calling and failed in our mission, by becoming conformed to the world or by withdrawing from it. Yet we rejoice that even when borne by earthen vessels the gospel is still a precious treasure. To the task of making that treasure known in the power of the Holy Spirit we desire to dedicate ourselves anew. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:11-13**

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## **Corporate Prayer**

### **Song of Renewal**

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# Psalm 96 | Christ Is the Lord Redeemer and King

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2024)

Sing to the LORD,  
Sing a new song  
To God whom the glory of nations belong  
Trust in the LORD and not empty praise  
For Great is the LORD  
And great are his ways

Give to the LORD O drifter and saint  
Give to the LORD both glory and strength  
Bring him your life  
And make it his throne  
Offer your heart  
And enter his home

*Say the LORD reigns,  
He's breaking the curse  
Here the LORD brings  
His kingdom to earth  
Now The LORD reigns!  
With heaven we sing  
Christ is the Lord  
Redeemer and King*

The heavens rejoice  
With earth and the sea  
They join in the song of true jubilee  
Creation proclaims  
The day of the Lord  
And kingdom shalom  
Will soon be restored

*Say the LORD reigns!  
All nations and tribes  
Here the LORD reigns,  
The church as his bride  
Now The LORD reigns!  
Let everyone sing  
Christ is the Lord  
Redeemer and King*

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We shout to the Lord  
On with one accord  
All nations will sing  
Redeemer and King

His good good justice  
Is fixed like the mountains  
His faithfulness  
And mercy are boundless

## **Scripture & Homily:** Acts 10:17-44 "What About Those Who Have Never Heard Of Jesus?"

- Elder Dave Snoke

**N**ow while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate <sup>18</sup>and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. <sup>19</sup>And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup>Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." <sup>21</sup>And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" <sup>22</sup>And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." <sup>23</sup>So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. <sup>24</sup>And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup>When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter lifted him up, saying,

“Stand up; I too am a man.” <sup>27</sup>And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. <sup>28</sup>And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. <sup>29</sup>So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

<sup>30</sup>And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing <sup>31</sup>and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup>Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ <sup>33</sup>So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he



commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Acts 2:38-39 / And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

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1 Peter 3:15-16 / But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

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## Sermon Outline

1. Theology of missions
2. A heart of missions
3. A simple Gospel to remember



# Song of Thanksgiving

## Psalm 72 | Jesus Shall Reign

*(Words: Isaac Watts 1719; Music "Duke Street" John Hatton 1793)*

Jesus shall reign wher e'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall rise and set no more

To him shall endless prayer be made  
And princes throng to crown his head  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name

Blessings abound wherever he reigns  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all the sons of want are blest

Let every creature rise and bring  
The highest honors to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeats the loud amen

## Benediction

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>New Nursing Area for Mothers</b>	For moms needing a private space to nurse babies or pump milk, there is a small office space available for use. It is located on the second floor next to Room #112. The diaper changing table has now been placed in the corner stairwell next to Rm. G9.
<b>Women's Brunch</b> Saturday, October 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Greenfield Chapel	Women of all ages are invited to a brunch hosted by the Women's Council. Come hear testimonies of God's faithfulness in the lives of our sisters in Christ, enjoy yummy food, and greet old and new friends. Surprise book giveaway to all who attend! We are especially eager to include college women! Please sign up here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WomensBrunchCRPC2024">https://tinyurl.com/WomensBrunchCRPC2024</a> so we can prepare for you and coordinate food and rides.
<b>Fall Hayride &amp; Maze</b> Saturday, October 26 3-5:30 PM	Join us for our annual Hayride event at Gearhard Farms (Murrysville)! There will be a bonfire and reserved field space for us, with tractor hayrides. Light refreshments will be provided! \$5 per person and \$20 for families. Please register & pay easily at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2024CRPCHayride">https://tinyurl.com/2024CRPCHayride</a> .
<b>Shepherd's Heart Clothing Drive</b> November 10 After Church	There has been a greater need since a rise in homelessness post-pandemic for men's and women's winter clothing including: winter coats, hoodies, sweaters, hats and scarves, gloves, new thermal socks and underwear. Donations will be collected on Sunday, November 10. Please have all donations cleaned, folded, and placed in a heavy duty black garbage bag or a lidless box. For questions please contact Mark Prascak @ (412) 576-4961.
<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b> Saturday, November 16 RMU Sports Island Center 7600 Grand Ave, 15225 5:30 PM	Join us for our annual, church-wide, potluck-style dinner! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share or sign up to be one of the needed 11 folks to roast a turkey! Many hands are needed to help set-up, greet, serve food, and tear down in order to make this event a success. Sign-ups will be provided next week. Contact <a href="mailto:chris@cityreformed.org">chris@cityreformed.org</a> for more info.
<b>Women's Ministry Need</b>	We still have an opening for the full-time Women's Ministry Director position. The job description has been slightly revised since its initial posting and can be found on our website. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for the position, please email <a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a> .

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