



**Sunday Evening Service**  
**March 2, 2025**

*"But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand."*

*- Ezekiel 33:6*

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

## Call to Worship: Jeremiah 10:6-7, 11-12

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

Leader There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might.

People **Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.**

Leader Thus shall you say to them: "The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens."

People **It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

*(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)*

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out,  
Shall not return, not return empty.

*It shall make a name for the Lord.*

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*Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down.  
Come seek the Lord while he may be found.

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace.  
Join in the song all creation sings.

*We shall make a name for the Lord.  
We shall make a name for the Lord.  
Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.*

## **Psalm 96 | Christ is the Lord Redeemer and King**

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Jalen Bell, Nate Glasper Jr., Eron Lauchié 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

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

## **Call to Confession: Proverbs 15:23**

To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season,  
how good it is!

## **Prayer of Confession: Psalm 32:1-7**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Proverbs 30:5**

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

## **Song of Renewal**

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### **Psalm 126**

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)*

Our mouths, they were filled,  
Filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed,  
Loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,  
Lord help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
For the day You will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry;  
Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping  
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say  
"He has done great things!"  
The nations will sing  
Songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

## **Scripture & Homily:** Acts 17:1-28 "How Should We Confront Our Culture?"

- Elder Dave Snoko

**N**ow when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." <sup>4</sup>And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup>And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar,

saying that there is another king, Jesus.”<sup>8</sup> And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things.<sup>9</sup> And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

<sup>10</sup>The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue.<sup>11</sup> Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.<sup>12</sup> Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.<sup>13</sup> But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds.<sup>14</sup> Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there.<sup>15</sup> Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.<sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.<sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.<sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?<sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.”<sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in

nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,  
“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Luke 6:22-23 / "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets."

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Luke 6:26-27 / "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets." "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

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1 Corinthians 5:6-7 / Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

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1 Corinthians 5:12-13 / For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5 / For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

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Revelation 2:20 / But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

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## Corporate Prayer

## Song of Thanksgiving

### Be Thou My Vision

*(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne, 1905; Music: "Slane")*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

## Benediction