



Sunday Evening Service
April 6, 2025

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."

- James 3:17

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Evening Worship – April 6, 2025
Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 1:21-30

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

Leader For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

People **For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,**

Leader But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

People **For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**

Leader For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

People **But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;**

Leader God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

People **God chose what is low and despised in the world,**

Leader Even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

People **And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.**

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on his throne
Come, let us adore him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever!
Let your glory fill the earth
You will reign forever!
Let your glory fill the earth
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You will reign forever!
Let your glory fill the earth

God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes and Pete James 2016)

God the uncreated One
The Author of salvation
Wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever (2x)
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever (2x)
Crown Him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever (2x)
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life

All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever (2x)
King of kings forevermore

Call to Confession: Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

Prayer of Confession: "The Valley of Vision" by A. Bennett

Father, you are eternal and unchanging, but our desires and actions turn on the wind. You see the end from the beginning, but we struggle to see anything beyond our immediate circumstances. You are sovereign over history and you hold the fate of nations in your hand, but we struggle to arrange the details of our lives.

And yet we are still slow to trust you. We resist giving control to you in the moment by moment details of life. We continue to hold onto things that we think we need. Forgive us. Humble us. Bring us to true repentance. Convince us of your steadfast love and lead us into paths of righteousness. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Congregational Prayer

Song of Renewal

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Psalm 25

(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)

Good and upright
Are you Lord
You teach us sinners
In your ways
(repeat)

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways
(repeat)

All your ways are
Loving, faithful, Lord
To those who
Seek your face
(repeat)

You give grace to
The humble hearted
And instruct them
In your ways
(repeat)

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways
You give grace to
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And instruct them
In your ways

Scripture & Homily: Proverbs 3:5-8 "The Way of Wisdom"

- Reverend Mark Robinson

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

⁷Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

⁸It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Proverbs 9:10 / The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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