



**Sunday Evening Service
February 8, 2026**

*"I am a poor wayfaring stranger,
A-traveling through this land of woe.
But there's no sickness, toil nor danger
In that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to meet my Savior,
To sing His praises forevermore.
I'm only going over Jordan.
I'm only going over home."*

- Traditional American spiritual

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

Call to Worship: Exodus 15:1b-10

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

Leader I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

People The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Leader The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

People The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

Leader In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

People At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

Leader The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

People You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Prayer of Invocation

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

(Words & Music: Elisha Albright Hoffman, Anthony J. Showalter, and Anthony Johnson Showalter)

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

*Leaning leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Approach My Soul

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin and Laura Story)

Approach my soul the mercy seat
Where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before his feet
For none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea
With this I venture nigh
Thou calls our burdened souls to Thee
And such O Lord am I

*Oh wondrous love
Oh boundless grace
Rejoice my soul forever
Christ has made a way*

Bowed down beneath a load of sin
By satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within
I come to Thee for rest
Be Thou my shield and hiding place
That sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him Thou hast died

O wondrous love to bleed and die
To bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name
The tempted soul he tells be still
My promised grace receive
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe

Call to Confession: Genesis 6:5

The L ORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 69:1-3,14-18

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me. Answer me, O L ORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Hide not your face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies! Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 18:4-6, 15-17

The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the L ORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears... Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O L ORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils. He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207)

No Longer Slaves

(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again
Into your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

Scripture & Homily: Joshua 3

"Following Joshua Through the Waters"

- Elder Ben Chidester

Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. ⁴Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” ⁵Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” ⁶And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

⁷The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” ⁹And Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.” ¹⁰And Joshua said, “Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. ¹¹Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. ¹²Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a

man. ¹³And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Notes

Additional Scripture

Romans 6:3-5 / Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Colossians 2:11-12 / In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

1 Peter 3:21-22 / Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Song of Thanksgiving

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Benediction

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

MTW Bulgaria Lunch Sunday, February 15 4:30PM 3929 Coleman Street	The Koerbers are hosting a couple doing important work in Bulgaria and would love to have you join us for a late lunch/dinner at the chapel before the evening service, Feb 15th. Dinner is at 4:30PM with Katherine and Taylor Dix. Plan to hear him preach after! Contact Chrissie with any questions: chrissie@cityreformed.org
Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 22	Immediately following the morning service, please join us in the WT auditorium for our annual stated meeting. We will be electing new leaders and hearing various updates on the ministry of the church. All are welcome, members are encouraged to attend. Due to the meeting, all Sunday School classes will be cancelled prior to the service.
Sundays at the Andryshak's (HS Only) February 22 12:00 PM-2:00 PM	A few families have offered to host Sundays while Molly is on maternity leave, so note the location change! All HS students are invited to the Andryshak's after Morning Worship for fellowship & games. Lunch provided!
Men's Retreat February 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center	Our Annual Men's Retreat is happening 2/27-2/28. Join us for a great weekend of food, fellowship, and teaching. Registration is now open: https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensRetreat2026
Women's Retreat March 27th - 28th Ligonier Camp and Conference Center	Our annual Women's Retreat: Called and Equipped. Join us for worship, prayer, teaching, discussion and fellowship! Register at https://tinyurl.com/CRPCWomensRetreat2026 through March 6. Contact Sarah Jo (sarahthompsonharris@gmail.com).
Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia	CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. For more info, contact Alex Watt (alex@alexwatt.com).
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:45 AM-11:45 AM	Scenes from the Final Week, a Bible Study by Paige Brown. Restarts 1/20, Greenfield Chapel. Childcare is provided. Contact Luda (luda.bates@gmail.com)
Thursday PM Women's Bible Study January 15th - early April 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM Greenfield Chapel	We are starting a new study on Revelation using the book and video series by Nancy Guthrie, Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com) or Chrissie (chrissie@cityreformed.org).
Mommies' Discipleship Group 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7 PM - 9 PM	Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7-9pm at the home of Sandy Snoke. Come enjoy warm tea and fellowship with other moms while studying the Sermon on the Mount from the book of Matthew and praying for one another. Contact Sandy (scsnoke@comcast.net).