



Sunday Evening Service
March 22, 2026

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City Reformed Presbyterian Church
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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Luke 1:68-75

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

Leader "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

People **And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,**

Leader As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

People **That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;**

Leader To show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

People **The oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

Prayer of Invocation

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(Words: John Newton 1774; Music: Laura Taylor 2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name,
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations
Threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
You have washed us with your blood (3x),
You are worthy, Lamb of God

The Garden

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong, Sandra McCracken, and Sarah Kroger Quaglia)

Though I have borne the fruit of sin
Though I have felt the serpent's sting
Though I deserve the enmity
There in the garden, what do I see?

Christ stands for me, Christ stands for me
There in the garden, he stands for me
Where I have fallen, he intercedes
Hallelujah, He stands for me

With tears of blood, in longest night
He took the cup ought to be mine
Though in the darkness I fell asleep
There in the garden, I wake to see

Christ prays for me, Christ prays for me
There in the garden, he prays for me
Up on the hillside, Gethsemane
Hallelujah, he prays for me

The Lamb of God will make our home
Where pain is passed and tears are gone
Eden remade, as it should be
There in the garden, oh, let me see

Christ waits for me, Christ waits for me
There in the Garden, he waits for me
On golden shores of eternity
Hallelujah, he waits for me

Christ stands for me, Christ stands for me
There in the garden, he stands for me
Where I have fallen, he intercedes
Hallelujah, he stands for me
Hallelujah, He stands for me

Call to Confession: Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 130:1-8

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive for my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrows

(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)

Man of Sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God is he;
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was he to die;
"It is finished!" was his cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When he comes, our glorious King,
All his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew his song we'll sing:

Scripture & Homily: Ruth 1:1-7

"The LORD Visits His People"

- Reverend John McCombs

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Thanksgiving

Before the Throne of God Above

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook 1997)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace

One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Benediction