



*"In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;  
but mine the tomb wherein He lay."*

*- from "My Song Is Love Unknown"*

**Sunday Evening Service  
May 10, 2026**

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Evening Worship – May 10, 2026  
Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

## Call to Worship: Psalm 47

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

Leader Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

People **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Leader God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

People **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Leader The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

People **For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Psalm 72 | Hail to The Lord's Anointed

(Words: James Montgomery 1821; Music: Sandra McCracken 2012)

*Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun,  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong.  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever,  
That name to us is Love.

## Ancient Of Days

*(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, and Jesse Reeves 2018)*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So, I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above him, none before him  
All of time in his hands  
For his throne, it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in his name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O, his love is sure and he knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king  
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

## Call to Confession: Genesis 3:17-19

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

## **Prayer of Confession: Psalm 57:1-3, 9-10**

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Genesis 3:14-15**

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

## **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](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207)*

## **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: Joshua 10:16-43

"A Royal Humiliation"

- Elder Ben Chidester

**T**hese five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. <sup>17</sup>And it was told to Joshua, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah." <sup>18</sup>And Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, <sup>19</sup>but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand." <sup>20</sup>When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, <sup>21</sup>then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel. <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave." <sup>23</sup>And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. <sup>24</sup>And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings." Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. <sup>25</sup>And Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." <sup>26</sup>And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. <sup>27</sup>But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden

themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

<sup>28</sup>As for Makkedah, Joshua captured it on that day and struck it, and its king, with the edge of the sword. He devoted to destruction every person in it; he left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

<sup>29</sup>Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Makkedah to Libnah and fought against Libnah. <sup>30</sup>And the LORD gave it also and its king into the hand of Israel. And he struck it with the edge of the sword, and every person in it; he left none remaining in it. And he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

<sup>31</sup>Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Libnah to Lachish and laid siege to it and fought against it. <sup>32</sup>And the LORD gave Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he captured it on the second day and struck it with the edge of the sword, and every person in it, as he had done to Libnah.

<sup>33</sup>Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish. And Joshua struck him and his people, until he left none remaining.

<sup>34</sup>Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Lachish to Eglon. And they laid siege to it and fought against it. <sup>35</sup>And they captured it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword. And he devoted every person in it to destruction that day, as he had done to Lachish.

<sup>36</sup>Then Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to Hebron. And they fought against it <sup>37</sup>and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king and its towns, and every person in it. He left none remaining, as he had done to Eglon, and devoted it to destruction and every person in it.

<sup>38</sup>Then Joshua and all Israel with him turned back to Debir

*and fought against it <sup>39</sup>and he captured it with its king and all its towns. And they struck them with the edge of the sword and devoted to destruction every person in it; he left none remaining. Just as he had done to Hebron and to Libnah and its king, so he did to Debir and to its king.*

*<sup>40</sup>So Joshua struck the whole land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but devoted to destruction all that breathed, just as the LORD God of Israel commanded. <sup>41</sup>And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, as far as Gibeon. <sup>42</sup>And Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel. <sup>43</sup>Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.*

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

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

## **Additional Scripture**

Psalm 110:1-2, 5-6 / The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! ... The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

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Matthew 27:57-60 / When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

*(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)*

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see his wounds his hands his feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise his Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of Heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## Benediction

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Capital Campaign Update</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, May 22:</b> Info Packet email  <b>Sunday, May 24:</b> Q&amp;A <i>after</i> AM service  <b>Sunday, May 31:</b> Q&amp;A <i>before</i> AM service  <b>Sunday, June 7:</b> Congregational Meeting with vote <i>after</i> AM service</p>
<p><b>Backyard Bash: MS&amp;HS</b>            Friday, May 15th            6:30 PM - 8:30 PM            The Moore's House</p>	<p>We invite all MS &amp; HS students to join us as we celebrate the end of the year with fellowship, yard games (e.g., Spikeball, Cornhole, Kan Jam, &amp; Volleyball), and summertime snacks! Reach out to Molly for a ride.</p>
<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b>            300 Saline Street            Saturday, May 16th            9:00 - 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Men, and young men of City Reformed, join us for a breakfast, fellowship, &amp; spiritual reflection. Final topic: Remember and Reflect, from our Caring for One Another teaching series. Feel free to attend, even if you have not been able to attend any of these talks, Registration: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring26PB">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring26PB</a></p>
<p><b>Membership Class</b>            May 22nd - 23rd            300 Saline Street</p>	<p>If you are interested in learning more about City Reformed and/or joining the church, you're invited to attend our next Membership Class! Contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (<a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a>) for info.</p>
<p><b>Women's Bible Study Leaders Training</b>            May 30th 9AM - 12PM            300 Saline St.</p>	<p>Have you ever considered leading a Women's Bible Study? Join us for Women's Bible Study Leaders Training! This training is required for any woman who wants to lead a Bible Study at City, but open to anyone. See Debbie Bacon for details, and register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WomensBibleStudyLeaderTraining">https://tinyurl.com/WomensBibleStudyLeaderTraining</a></p>
<p><b>High School Graduate Recognition</b>            Sunday, May 31st            WT</p>	<p>Celebrate and pray for our HS graduates as a church family during Morning Worship, recognizing the accomplishments of our covenant children! Our HS graduates and their families are invited to a lunch in the WT cafeteria immediately after Morning Worship.</p>
<p><b>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</b></p>	<p>CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. For more info, contact Alex Watt (<a href="mailto:alex@alexcwatt.com">alex@alexcwatt.com</a>).</p> <p>Notary needed to help with notarizing provider documentation to get Ethiopian Medical Licenses. Contact Tracy Partridge (<a href="mailto:partridge.ta@gmail.com">partridge.ta@gmail.com</a>).</p>
<p><b>Rainforest Falls VBS</b>            July 20-24th            10 AM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>VBS registration open for adult &amp; youth volunteers &amp; children attendees age 4 to rising 5th graders! Special need for Decorating Team to plan &amp; supervise decorations, no need to attend VBS to help. Contact Debbie Bacon for info or visit <a href="http://cityreformed.org/vbs">cityreformed.org/vbs</a></p>

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- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

**Community Groups** meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service. Contact Elder Ben Chidester ([ben@cityreformed.org](mailto:ben@cityreformed.org)) or visit our website at [www.cityreformed.org/community-groups/](http://www.cityreformed.org/community-groups/)

**Sunday:**

Fox Chapel - Watson Barker  
North Hills - David Bacon

**Monday:**

Forest Hills - Adam Schwab  
Morningside - James Lettow

**Tuesday:**

Shaler - Dan Toney  
Bellevue/North Side - Joe Bencotter  
Squirrel Hill - Ben Chidester

**Wednesday:**

Friendship - Michael Hilton  
Greenfield - Max Winters  
Regent Square - Dave Snoke

**Thursday:**

Shadyside - Chris Bollinger  
West Hills - Jon Dodd

**Friday:**

East Suburban - Joe Stehle

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