



*"Today, you can go into a pastor's office and see a sign that says, 'Expect a Miracle.' But if you expect a miracle—if miracles are expectable—there's nothing miraculous about them. If they're ordinary then they carry no certifiable weight. It's by their extraordinary character that they have sign power: sign-ificance. Now of course when people ask me, do I believe in miracles, they're asking one question and I'm answering a different one. If they're saying to me, 'Do you believe that God is still working in the world supernaturally?' Of course I do. 'Do you believe that God answers prayers?' Of course I do. 'Do you believe that God heals people in response to prayer?' Of course I do. All miracles are supernatural, but not all supernatural acts are miracles."*

*- R.C. Sproul*

**Sunday Evening Service**  
**May 3, 2026**

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Evening Worship – May 3, 2026  
Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

## Call to Worship: Psalm 71:15-19

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

Leader My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

People **With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

Leader O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

People **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**

Leader Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

People You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

## Prayer of Invocation

## O Worship The King (Psalm 104)

*(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's; Words: Robert Grant 1833)*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love  
Our shield and defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite  
It breathes in the air it shines in the light  
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail  
In you do we trust nor find you to fail  
Your mercies how tender how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
The humbler creation though feeble their ways  
With true adoration shall all sing your praise

## Christus Victor (Amen)

(Words & Music: Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa 2024)

O Most High King of the ages  
Great I Am, God of wonders  
By the blood you have redeemed us  
Led us through mighty waters  
Our strength our song our sure salvation

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor glory power  
For the battle you have won  
Hallelujah Amen*

O Most High dwelling among us  
Son of man sent for sinners  
By your blood you have redeemed us  
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior  
Who lived who died who rose victorious

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor glory power  
For the battle you have won  
Hallelujah*

*With every tribe and every tongue  
We join the anthem of the angels  
In the triumph of the Son  
Hallelujah Amen*

O Most High King of the nations  
Robed in praise crowned with splendor  
On that day who will not tremble  
When you stand Christ the Victor  
Who was and is and is for ever

Amen amen  
A - men  
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Amen amen  
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## **Call to Confession: Psalm 106:6-10**

Both we and our fathers have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.  
Our fathers, when they were in Egypt,  
did not consider your wondrous works;  
they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,  
but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.  
Yet he saved them for his name's sake,  
that he might make known his mighty power.  
He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry,  
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.  
So he saved them from the hand of the foe  
and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.

## **Prayer of Confession: The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever,  
Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 106:43-45**

Many times he delivered them,  
but they were rebellious in their purposes  
and were brought low through their iniquity.  
Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress,  
when he heard their cry.  
For their sake he remembered his covenant,  
and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

# 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)*

### Be Still My Soul

*(Words: Kathrina von Schlegel 1700's; Translators: Jane Borthwick 1855; Music: Jean Sibelius 1899)*

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain  
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below

Be still my soul when dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears  
Then shalt thou better know his love his heart  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears  
Be still my soul thy Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

## Scripture & Homily: Joshua 10:1-15

### "Remembering the Mighty Works of God"

- Elder Dave Snoke

As soon as Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard how Joshua had captured Ai and had devoted it to destruction, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, <sup>2</sup>he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were warriors. <sup>3</sup>So Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, <sup>4</sup>"Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel." <sup>5</sup>Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it.

<sup>6</sup>And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, "Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us." <sup>7</sup>So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you." <sup>9</sup>So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.

<sup>11</sup>And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

<sup>12</sup>At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

“Sun, stand still at Gibeon,  
and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”

<sup>13</sup>And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,  
until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. <sup>14</sup>There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel.

<sup>15</sup>So 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

Matthew 22:29 / But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God."

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Acts 2:22-24 / "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it."

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Traditional)

*(Words & Music: John Hughes, Peter Williams, and William Williams)*

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand  
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more  
Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee

## Benediction

# Announcements

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

<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>
<p><b>Women's Ministry Job Opening</b></p>	<p>After a period of discernment, we have revised and updated the job description for women's ministry, now with a title of Coordinator for Women's Ministry. Job description on our website. Contact Matt with questions and interest (<a href="mailto:pastormatt@cityreformed.org">pastormatt@cityreformed.org</a>)</p>

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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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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