



*"He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. "*

*- Julia Ward Howe, "Battle Hymn of the Republic"*

**Sunday Evening Communion Service**  
**June 21, 2026**

# Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Evening Communion Worship – June 21, 2026

Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Call to Worship: Titus 3:4-7

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

Leader When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,

People **Not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,**

Leader By the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

People **So that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven #76

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise him, praise him,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise him, praise him,  
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## I Need Thee Every Hour #674

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like thine  
Can peace afford.

*I need thee, O I need thee,  
Ev'ry hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to thee.*

I need thee ev'ry hour;  
Stay thou near by;  
Temptations lose their pow'r  
When thou art nigh.

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
In joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide,  
Or life is vain.

I need thee ev'ry hour;  
Teach me thy will,  
And thy rich promises  
In me fulfil.

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
Most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed,  
Thou blessed Son.

## **Call to Confession: Ephesians 2:4-7**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## **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: Ephesians 2:8-10**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **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)*

## Take My Life and Let It Be #585

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

## Scripture & Homily: Deuteronomy 9:1-8

### "Participants in the Mysterious Work of God's Judgment"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

“**H**ear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven, <sup>2</sup>a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, ‘Who can stand before the sons of Anak?’ <sup>3</sup>Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you.

<sup>4</sup>“Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, ‘It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,’ whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you. <sup>5</sup>Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

<sup>6</sup>“Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people. <sup>7</sup>Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. <sup>8</sup>Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



## Additional Scripture

Genesis 15:13-21 / Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

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Nehemiah 9:30-31 / Many years you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless, in your great mercies you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

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Matthew 15:22a / And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David."

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# Communion

*City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.*

*Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.*

*Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.*

# Songs of Communion

## Abide with Me #402

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes:  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## Doxology

*(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)*


Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

## Benediction

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Medical Missions Opportunity, Ethiopia</b></p>	<p>CRPC will be sending a medical mission team to Ethiopia 6/27-7/5. Please be in prayer as they prepare!</p>
<p><b>Short-Term Mission Trip</b> Saturday, June 27th - Saturday, July 4th (Current 8th-Graders through 12th-Graders)</p>	<p>We are taking a team of 8 students on our first out-of-state mission trip with New City Fellowship of Atlantic City (PCA)! If you would like to support our team, you can do so through prayer and/or giving via Church Center by selecting "2026 Youth Missions Trip" from the drop-down menu.</p>
<p><b>Church Picnic</b> Sunday, July 12th After Service</p>	<p>We are looking forward to hosting an all-church picnic at Anderson Playground on July 12th. Hot dogs &amp; drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There are not a lot of picnic tables at this site, so please consider bringing lawn chairs, blankets, and outdoor games. We are looking forward to feasting &amp; playing with one another!</p>
<p><b>Rainforest Falls VBS</b> July 20-24th 10AM - 12:30PM</p> 	<p>Register now and invite your friends to Rainforest Falls VBS! Children attendees, ages 4 to rising 5th graders, and youth volunteers still needed. Email Debbie at <a href="mailto:vbs@cityreformed.org">vbs@cityreformed.org</a> with any questions, and register at <a href="http://cityreformed.org/vbs">cityreformed.org/vbs</a>. To donate supplies, order from our Amazon Wish List at this link: <a href="https://a.co/08qOf1ai">https://a.co/08qOf1ai</a></p>