



Sunday Evening Communion Service
July 19, 2026

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Evening Communion Worship – July 19, 2026

Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-6

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

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

Leader Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

People **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Prayer of Invocation

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Music: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Promises

(Words & Music: Aaron Moses, Carrington Gaines, Dante Bowe, Keila Alvarado, & Lemuel Marin 2020)

God of Abraham
You're the God of covenant
Of faithful promises
Time and time again
You have proven
You do just what you say

Though the storms may come
And the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn
When you speak a word
It will come to pass

*Great is your faithfulness to me
Great is your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun
To the setting same
I will praise your name
Great is your faithfulness to me*

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your Word remains the same
Your history can prove
There's nothing you can't do
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

Call to Confession: Psalm 106:4-5

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you save them,
that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we have heard your voice speaking to us many times in your word. We have seen the greatness of your rescuing us and protecting us in Christ. But we confess that we have not always taken to heart your truth and your love. In our hearts we have questioned your ways and have many times chosen to go our own way. We have responded to your care with faithlessness and disobedience. We have scorned the promise of your shepherding hand. Make us a people who respond to you with trust. Make us a people whose hearts remain close to you and who walk in loving obedience to you. Do these things by the power of your Holy Spirit working in us, and lead us as our shepherd. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 106:6, 8, 44-45

Both we and our fathers have sinned;
we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness...
Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
that he might make known his mighty power...
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)

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

(Words: George Matheson 1882; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Scripture & Homily: Joshua 24:1-28

"A Promise for the Ages"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.

²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac.

⁴And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

⁶"Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷And when they cried to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the

Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand.

¹²And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed.

¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.”

²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.” ²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses

against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. ²⁶And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. ²⁷And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” ²⁸So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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-communing 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

Christus Victor (Amen)

(Words & Music: Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, & 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
(repeat)

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

Rainforest Falls VBS July 20-24th 10AM - 12:30PM 	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 vbs@cityreformed.org with any questions, and register at cityreformed.org/vbs. To donate supplies, order from our Amazon Wish List at this link: https://a.co/08qOfiai
Backyard Pool Day Saturday, July 25th 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM The Kephart's House	All MS and HS students are invited to spend the afternoon in the Kephart's backyard, enjoying their grill and pool! If you are planning to come, please register through Church Center by July 22nd so that we can get a headcount for food.
Haymaker Pool August 8 7PM - 9PM	Do you or your kids enjoy swimming? Please mark your calendar to join East Suburban friends at a Pool Party on Saturday night, August 8 (weather permitting). Haymaker Pool, 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Monroeville. Details to follow, bring snacks to share.