



"In essence, Jesus was saying, "I am the Passover; I am the Pascal Lamb; I am the one who will be sacrificed for you. It is by My blood being marked over the door of your life that you will escape the wrath of God." So He said: "From now on, this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of your sins. This is the blood of a new covenant."

- R.C. Sproul, What Is the Lord's Supper?

Sunday Evening Worship
September 20, 2026

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Ben Chidester

Call to Worship: Psalm 23

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

Leader The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

Leader He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Prayer of Invocation

Jesus I Am Resting Resting

(Words & Music: David Hampton & Jean Sophia Pigott 1998)

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

*Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart*

Oh how great Thy loving-kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
For He wraps me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace

Nearer My God To Thee

(Words: Sarah Adams 1841; Music: Lowell Mason 1856)

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my heart am I nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Call to Confession: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-21

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your words and blameless in your judgment." We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight.

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)

The Garden

(Words & Music: Mitch Wong, Sandra McCracken, & 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

Scripture & Homily: Luke 22:7-23

"The Passover Lamb"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Exodus 12:11-13 / In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD'S Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 16:5-6 / You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, but at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell in it, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt.

Revelation 19:9-10 / And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

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

Lamb Of God

(Words & Music: Twila Paris 1985)

Your only son no sin to hide
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

*O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in his precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

I was so lost I should have died
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called the Lamb of God

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



9/9	Youth Group begins
9/13	Sunday School begins Sundays @ the Knauers' (HS)
9/19	Women's Ministry Brunch
9/20	Welcome Picnic & CG Fair
9/26	Daniel Snoke Concert
10/2-3	Membership Class
10/10	Men's Prayer Breakfast
10/17	Missions Dinner
11/8	Women's Mentor Lunch
11/14	Thanksgiving Dinner

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Daniel Snoke & True Fable Concert Saturday, September 26th 6PM-8PM Greenfield Chapel 3929 Coleman Street	Live in concert! Daniel Snoke and special guest True Fable will be showcasing their gifts Saturday night at our Greenfield Chapel. Join us for an evening of songs and refreshments after. If you would be willing to bring some baked goods or appetizers, contact Chrissie at chrissie@cityreformed.org
Membership Class Save the Date: October 2nd-3rd	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 (joseph@cityreformed.org) for info.
Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, October 10 9-10:30AM	Mark your calendars! Men and young men of City Reformed are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 10th, at 9:00 AM. Join us for food, fellowship, prayer, and a morning of connection. More details regarding our topic and our special guest speaker to follow soon.
Missions Dinner Saturday, October 17th 6PM-8PM 300 Saline St.	Please join us for our 2nd annual missions dinner! International food, worship, prayer, and updates from around the world - you don't want to miss this. You can sign up to bring food at https://tinyurl.com/1017potluck .
Volunteers Needed All Teams	Volunteers needed for all Sunday ministries: setup, tear down, sound, youth, coffee, greeters, & fellowship. If interested email: nameun@cityreformed.org .
RUF @ Pitt DL Hall, Room 104 Thursdays, 9PM	RUF at Pitt Large Group Worship and Bible Study, Thursdays, 9pm, David Lawrence Hall, room 104 on Pitt's campus. All college students are welcome!

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden, Callie Miller, & Nehara Andrews. (***gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org, nehara.andrews@ruf.org***)
- ***cityreformed.org/university/***

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

Sunday:

Fox Chapel - Watson Barker
North Hills - David Bacon
East Suburban - Joe Stehle

Monday:

Forest Hills - Adam Schwab
Morningside - James Lettow

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

Shadyside - Chris Bollinger
West Hills - Jon Dodd

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