



"The character of God is the guarantee that all wrongs will be righted someday... As Judge, he is the law, but as Savior he is the gospel. Run from him now, and you will meet him as Judge then—and without hope. Seek him now, and you will find him."

- J.I. Packer, Knowing God (InterVarsity Press, 1993), Chapter 14: "God the Judge," pp. 143, 147.

Sunday Evening Communion Worship
October 18, 2026

Evening Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Evening Communion Worship – October 18, 2026

Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

Call to Worship: Psalm 110:1-7

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

Leader The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

People **The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

Leader Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

People **The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

Leader The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

People **He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.**

Prayer of Invocation

Crown Him With Many Crowns #295

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #252

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Call to Confession: Job 40:1-8

And the LORD said to Job:

"Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
He who argues with God, let him answer it."

Then Job answered the LORD and said:

"Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.
I have spoken once, and I will not answer;
twice, but I will proceed no further."

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

"Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
Will you even put me in the wrong?
Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?"

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Heavenly Father,

Since the fall of Adam, our hearts are naturally bent toward judgment and condemnation. We do not see rightly or clearly on our own, yet we are quick to judge our neighbor and quick to judge You. We put ourselves on the throne and think we could rule better. Our pride is our necklace and self-righteousness is our garment.

Gracious Father, forgive our condemning and judgmental hearts. Forgive us for putting You in the dock and ourselves on the throne. When temptations and trials come, remind us of the grace of Jesus—that everything we have is grace. Forgive us and restore us. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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)

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: Luke 22:63-23:12

"God in the Dock"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

^{23:1}Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself

in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 19:15 / A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.

Isaiah 53:7 / He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Mark 14:55–61a / Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But he remained silent and made no answer.

Luke 20:25 / He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

1 Peter 2:23–24 / When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain #455

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

(continued on next page)

He left his Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!)
And bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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

Tie-Dye/Backyard Fire (MS & HS) Sunday, November 1st 12:30 PM-2:30 PM Schartner's House	MS and HS students, join us for food & fellowship around a fire at the Schartner's house after Morning Worship! The Youth Ministry will provide one t-shirt to tie-dye per student, but students can bring additional clothing to dye. RSVP via Church Center by 10/29.
Annual Women's Mentor Soup and Dessert Lunch Sunday, November 8th After service - 1 PM WT Cafeteria	Come join us for yummy homemade soups and desserts while getting to know other women at CRPC. Enjoy hearing stories about the mentor program and how to be involved or come just for the good food and fellowship! The lunch will start in the cafeteria immediately following the morning worship service and will end at 1pm. Contact Sandy for more information: scsnoke@comcast.net
Guys' and Girls' Night Friday, November 13 6:30 PM-9:00 PM Greenfield Chapel or the Breeden's House	All male MS and HS students are invited to the Greenfield Chapel for our annual Mario Kart Tournament hosted by our male YM Disciples! The female MS and HS students are invited to the Breeden's house up the street for games and fun!
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!
Capital Campaign Prayer Time 300 Saline Street Saturday, Nov 14, 9AM Tuesday, Dec 8, 7:30PM	Thank you for praying for the Capital Campaign! Over the coming months, church leaders will invite each member to have a conversation about supporting the campaign. Questions? Contact our Campaign Manager, Allison Barker at allison@cityreformed.org . We are hosting a few half-hour times of intentional prayer for the Capital Campaign on these dates; please join us as we seek the Lord together.
Singers Wanted for Two New CRPC Choirs Sundays @ WT	1) MONTHLY POP-UP CHOIR: Once a month, we will sing 1-2 songs during worship. Arrive Sundays at 9:15am to go over vocal parts before worship. 2) SPECIAL MUSIC CHOIR: Anthems and special arrangements for choir based on seasonal needs. Rehearsals after church during fellowship hour. Contact Daniel Snoke for more info dsnoke@ccojubilee.org