



Sunday Evening Worship
November 7, 2021

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth! Serve the LORD with
gladness! Come into his presence
with singing! Know that the Lord,
he is God!

People **It is he who made us, and we are
his; we are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.**

Leader Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and
his courts with praise!

People **Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good; his steadfast
love endures forever, and his
faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Invocation

O Worship The King

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

O worship the King
all glorious above
And 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
O 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

Thy 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 Thee do we trust
nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender
how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender
Redeemer and Friend

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

Great Are You Lord

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Call to Confession:

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity....

Prayer of Confession:

Psalm 25:1-11

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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).

Speak O Lord

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty 2005)

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ
might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights
of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand
on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk
as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Scripture & Homily:

Judges 16:23-31

"Samson's Sacrificial Death"

- Reverend John McCombs

²³Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." ²⁴And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." ²⁵And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." ²⁷Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

²⁸Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes."

²⁹And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. ³⁰And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. ³¹Then his brothers and all his

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family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

Hebrews 11:32-34/ And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Song of Thanksgiving

In Christ Alone

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm
What heights of love
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled
when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross
as Jesus died
The wrath of God
was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on
Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands
in victory
Sin's curse has lost
its grip on me
For I am His and
He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell
no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me
from His hand
'Til He returns
or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Benediction

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org. If you would like to contact a pastor, please email nameun@cityreformed.org. And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.

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Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15 AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
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Pittsburgh PA, 15213

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5:30 PM
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