



Sunday Morning Worship
February 21, 2021

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you would like more information, please contact us at office@cityreformed.org or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

There must be a constant and increasing appreciation that though sin still remains it does not have mastery. There is a total difference between surviving sin and reigning sin, the regenerate in conflict with sin and the unregenerate complacent to sin. It is one thing for sin to live in us: it is another for us to live in sin... It is of paramount concern for the Christian and for the interests of his sanctification that he should know that sin does not have the dominion over him, that the forces of redeeming, regenerative, and sanctifying grace have been brought to bear upon him in that which is central in his moral and spiritual being, that he is the habitation of God through the Spirit, and that Christ has been formed in him the hope of glory.

- John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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Sunday Evening Communion Service

3929 Coleman St., 15207

SUNDAY 2/28 | 4PM, 5PM & 6PM

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Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3, 19-22

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

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

People **And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south...**

Leader Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

People **He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.**

Leader Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

People **And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!**

Prayer of Invocation

Come Thou Fount

(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan 1760; Music: Unknown)

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

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Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Your Grace Is Enough

(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2003)

Great is Your faithfulness O God of Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

*For Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Call to Confession: Psalm 51:1-6

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 may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that while we sin against one another, every sin is primarily against you and you alone. Forgive us for distinguishing the sin against our neighbor as separate from sinning against you. Let our desire be to love and obey you as our good Father, that we might respond to your grace with submission. Forgive us for minimizing our sins, to think them inconsequential. Forgive us for putting down our neighbor to elevate ourselves. Give us eyes to pursue the holiness that is ours in Christ Jesus. Help us to have the same gracious, steadfast love for others that you have for us. Renew a right spirit within us, we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 51:15-19

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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).

Amazing Grace

(Words & Music: Edwin Othello Excell and John Newton 1779)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 2 Samuel 11:1-27

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"David and Bathsheba"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

²It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. ³And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in

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the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.”¹²Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.¹³And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.” ¹⁶And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. ¹⁷And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died. ¹⁸Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting. ¹⁹And he instructed the messenger, “When you have finished telling all the news about the fighting to the king, ²⁰then, if the king's anger rises, and if he says to you, ‘Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? ²¹Who killed Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?’ then you shall say, ‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’”

²²So the messenger went and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. ²³The messenger said to David, “The men gained an advantage over us and came out against us in the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate. ²⁴Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some

of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.” ²⁵David said to the messenger, “Thus shall you say to Joab, ‘Do not let this matter displease you, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.’ And encourage him.”

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Outline

Proposition: *Modern godliness requires ancient reflection*

Fallen condition: Concupiscence, namely we don't believe we could do something as evil as David's actions

Main Points: We have a lot to learn from David's story...

1. The power of sexual temptation
2. The depth of man's sin
3. The height of God's grace

Conclusion: A desire unexpressed

Additional Scripture

1 Chronicles 11:41 / Uriah the Hittite, Zabab the son of Ahlai...

Psalms 51 / 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 may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Romans 3:23-27 / ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Romans 6:1 / What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Romans 8:1 / There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 3:13 / But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 149. Is anyone able to keep the commandments of God perfectly?

A. No one is able to keep the commandments of God perfectly, either of himself or by any grace received in this life; everyone breaks them daily in thought, word, and deed.

Q. 150. Are all transgressions of the law of God equally evil in themselves and in the sight of God?

A. No, all transgressions of the law of God are not equally evil; some sins are more evil in the sight of God than others, either in themselves, or because of various factors that increase their evil.

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

God Be Merciful To Me

(Words: Richard Redhead 1912; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just.
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

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Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.


Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

Spring Adult CE TONIGHT Sunday 2/21 @ 7-8:15PM "Parapets, Pigs, & Psoriasis: Reading the OT Law Today" by Dr. Jay Sklar Join us online via Zoom as we welcome Dr. Sklar from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Zoom Webinar LINK: tinyurl.com/CRPCOTlaw	
Spring Adult CE Webinar: "Is God a Racist, Genocidal Megolamaniac?: Making Sense of the Conquest Narratives" by Dr. Seulgi Byun Sunday 3/7 @ 7PM	We're offering three webinars designed to complement the church's 90-day reading plan, with the aim to address some of the biggest challenges when reading through the Bible, especially the narrative texts. The last topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Luke 24, The Angel of YHWH, and Christophanies: Where is Jesus in the OT?" by Dr. Brad Bitner (Westminster Seminary, Escondido, CA) - Saturday 3/20 @ 10AM Contact Seulgi.byun@gmail.com .
Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD NEXT Sun 2/28: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:00PM• 5:00PM• 6:00PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207 Church Center  App	In-person service held three times INDOORS at GREENFIELD , with communion served all times. Review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service . <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations, to help us keep within capacity limits (45/service) and add additional services if needed. If you would like assistance signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org.• Before attending, self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household.• Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old).• ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.***
Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213	Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations . Contact Sol@cityreformed.org . ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.
New Women's Zoom Call TODAY 2/21 @ 12:30PM Zoom link: tinyurl.com/CRPCwomen	A 'new' woman to City Reformed? We would love to get to see your face and meet you. Please consider joining some of our women leaders on a Zoom call! Contact Chrissie (chrissiekoerber@gmail.com).
Young Adult Women's Fellowship	This is an opportunity for us do life and get to know each other, be of mutual encouragement to one another and to foster a sense of community. Contact Zenny@cityreformed.org .

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<p>WCN Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign February</p>	<p>Fill our virtual baby bottle for Women's Choice Network! Donate online to support life giving work in our city: fundeasy.com/m/5090584 Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Annual CRPC Congregational Meeting Sunday 3/14 @ 12:30PM <i>Zoom Large Meeting</i></p>	<p>Members, please make it a priority to attend our first ever virtual congregational meeting. If you do not have a device or cannot connect via the internet, contact Pastor Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org). David Bacon will stand for election for office of Elder. Eric Westman will stand for election for office of Deacon. Gary Atcheson and Kyle McMillan will stand for reelection as deacons. All three can serve if they are elected with a majority vote. During the Women's Ministry portion of the meeting, the women of the church will vote on the following nominees: Hannah Westman, Irene Winkler, and Debbie Bacon will all stand for election to the women's ministry council; Rachel Leuenberger will stand for reelection. As many as four slots can be filled on the council.</p>
<p>Building Work Day Mini Saturday 3/13 @ 9AM-12PM Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM</p>	<p>We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. Sign-ups for social distancing are coming. Gary would also like 2 people March 13 for a mini-work day to get Daniel's office ready. Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture Through Easter</p>	<p>Start the new year by reading and worshipping through a large section of the Biblical story of "redemptive history" together. Learn more on our website under "Resources" or cityreformed.org/90-days-through-scripture. Hardcopies of the Updated Outline and the February Worship Liturgy are available. If you'd like a hardcopy mailed, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Survey: bit.ly/35FHIXk</p>	<p>CRPC Missions Committee is hoping to begin a weekly Zoom prayer meeting. If you are interested, please complete this survey online: bit.ly/35FHIXk. For more info, contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws).</p>
<p>Youth Group Mondays @ 7-8PM Weekly on Mondays <i>Zoom</i></p>	<p>Youth group will combine high school and middle school into one meeting, using content from the church's 90-day reading plan. Contact Ben@cityreformed.org or Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>

<p>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM Zoom</p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings as we discuss and pray through the Tuesday Daily Bible Reading from CRPC's <i>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture</i>. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p>Make Connections via Online Media</p>	<p>As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to:

- cityreformed.org/community-groups

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kvanmeerbeke@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

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! And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor's card below or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at office@cityreformed.org with the following information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Prayer Requests

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