



Sunday Morning Worship
April 10, 2022

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

"In addition, religious oaths, vows, solemn fasts, and thanksgivings on special occasions, in their several times and seasons, are appropriate when used in a holy and religious manner."

–Westminster Confession of Faith 21:5b

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – April 10, 2022
Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Psalm 126

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

Leader When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

People **The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!**

Leader Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

People **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his
sheaves with him.**

Prayer of Invocation

Blessed Be Your Name

(Words & Music: Beth Redman and Matt Redman 2002)

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

*Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Psalm 133 | How Good It Is

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Paul Zach 2019)

How good it is when we dwell within your will
When unity for all your people you restore
We live as though we have life forevermore
When we share in the peace you pour from Zion's hill
When we share in the peace you pour from Zion's hill

*Oh, how good it is
Oh, how good it is
Oh, how good it is
When we dwell within you will*

My All in Thee

(Music: Eric J. Marshall 2012 Words: adapted from Charles Wesley)

When gracious Lord when shall it be
That earth will find her all in Thee
The fullness of Thy promise prove
Seal me with Thy eternal love

Thee only Thee I'm fain to find
I cast the world and sin behind
O my Redeemer hear this plea
And let me find my all in Thee

*Show me Your way my love my Lord
Draw me to grace so strong and sure
I run to Your mercy where I am free
Let me find my all in Thee*

Lord I am blind be Thou my sight
Lord I am weak be Thou my might
A helper of the helpless be
And let me find my all in Thee

Please mend my soul my frame my life
A contrite heart Thou won't despise
Take now this pain and misery
And let me find my all in Thee

Call to Confession: James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, help us to love you. Not just to respect you or just to obey you but to love you. Help us to love your Word, to love your ways, and to love your character, high and holy yet also near and gracious to the broken and contrite in heart. We love you because you first loved us. Help us to see your love for us, which seeks us out, and your eternal goodness. Help us to love your people who represent you, though imperfectly, and to love our neighbors who are made in your image. We fail in love; send your Holy Spirit to give us life and love, obedience and rest in you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: James 4:6-8

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Membership Vows: Jeffrey, Phyllis, and Alaina Frick

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).

Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear

(Words: William Gadsby; Music: Katy Bowser & Matthew Perryman Jones 2001)

Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go",
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents please have your children meet the teachers at the back of the sanctuary and pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: 1 Peter 5:5-11

Elements of Worship "Fasts and Thanksgivings"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

Psalm 106:1/ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Joel 2:12/ "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;"

Scriptural Response: II Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 25

(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)

Good and upright
Are you Lord
You teach us sinners
In your ways
Repeat

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways
Repeat

All your ways are
Loving, faithful, Lord
To those who
Seek your face
Repeat

You give grace to
The humble hearted
And instruct them
In your ways
Repeat

You guide the humble
In what is right
And instruct them
In your ways
You give grace to

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The humble hearted
And instruct them
In your ways

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Words: Isaac Watts 1707 Music: Lowell Mason 1824)

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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching on Psalm 139.

Easter

<p>Palm Sunday Sunday, April 10th WT</p>	<p>We will be celebrating Palm Sunday on Sunday April, 10th. We will have palm branches displayed during our usual morning worship service to commemorating Jesus' Triumphal Entry.</p>
<p>Good Friday Friday, April 15th @7PM First Baptist</p>	<p>We will have our Tenebrae Good Friday service at First Baptist Church. This is a service remembering the crucifixion that features music and readings from the Gospels as the lights are gradually extinguished.</p>
<p>Easter Sunrise Sunday, April 17th@ 7:30AM Schenley Park</p>	<p>We will gather at 7:30AM at the Anderson Playground in Schenley Park for worship and short devotions to start the Easter celebrations.</p>
<p>Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 17th@ 8:30AM- 9AM breakfast in cafeteria 9:00-10:00- program in gymnasium</p>	<p>We will be serving a continental breakfast of pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee between the sunrise and regular worship services. We will have a time of reflection on God's provision in the last two years and an update from the RUF missions trip to Yakima during this time.</p> <p>Reflections will be collected and compiled into a booklet. Email Nameun@cityreformed.org if you would like to submit a reflection.</p> <p>Bleachers and some chairs will be available, but you are welcome to bring a lawn chair or a blanket if you would prefer.</p>
<p>Easter Morning Service Sunday, April 17th @ 10:15AM WT</p>	<p>We will end our Easter celebration together with a worship service. We anticipate having a number of visitors with this for this service, so please be extra attentive to new faces this morning.</p>
<p>Easter Evening Service Cancelled</p>	<p>We are cancelling our usually scheduled evening service on Easter. Hope you spend this time celebrating the resurrection with your family and friends!</p>

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Easter Breakfast Reflections</p>	<p>We will have a time of reflection during the Easter breakfast. Reflections on the past two years will be collected and compiled into a booklet. Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org if you would like to submit a reflection</p>
<p>Susannah Clarke Sendoff April 23rd, 2PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Join us to celebrate with Susannah her recent wedding & to send her off with prayer to her new life in India. You can RSVP online at: tinyurl.com/SusannahSendoff</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gathering April 23rd, 10am-noon 27 Barton Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15221</p>	<p>Informal women's fellowship at The McCombs house. Food will be provided, but bring your own drinks please. No childcare available at this time. If you have trouble finding a sitter, please let Alisha know and she will try to accommodate. Looking forward to seeing you! Questions? Contact Alisha McCombs (mccombsalisha@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Morning Worship in the Gymnasium April 24th</p>	<p>WT's Spring theater production is being held the weekend of April 24th. The auditorium will be unavailable that day, so we will worship in the gym.</p>
<p>Graduate Recognition Sunday April 24th</p>	<p>We will celebrate anyone who graduated during the 2021-2022 academic year on April 24th. All graduates will be recognized and will receive a small gift. Please contact zachary@cityreformed.org if you or someone you know in the congregation has graduated this year.</p>
<p>Building Work Day April 30th 9AM-3PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>We will be painting and renovating the Greenfield Chapel. Tasks include masonry, laying carpet in Daniel's office, and hanging drywall around the boiler. All skill levels welcome. For more information, contact Gary.</p>
<p>VBS Volunteer and Children Registration Open July 25-29</p>	<p>Join us for VBS this summer! Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness VBS will be July 25-29. We are currently recruiting for adult & youth (rising 6th-12th graders) volunteer and child registration. Contact Debbie Bacon vbs@cityreformed.org if you'd like to help with any of the preparation or if you have any questions. Register at: https://tinyurl.com/RegisterVBS2022</p>

Volunteer Needs

<p>Fellowship Setup and Tear Down</p>	<p>We will be resuming our practice of having weekly bagels after service on May 2nd. We are currently looking for roughly 10 people to serve on the Fellowship Setup and Tear Down team. This will involve both setting up and tearing down the bagel station.</p>
<p>Bagel Pickup</p>	<p>Volunteers will ideally serve once every 2-3 months. We are also looking for people who are willing to pick up bagels before service.</p> <p>Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com) to sign up.</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Women's Ministry Monthly Updates</p>	<p>If you are not already on the email list and would like to receive the women's monthly update, please contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org)</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>Informal gatherings once or twice a month for young adult women in the church. The purpose is for us to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. To be added to a separate email list for this group, please contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer time CHANGE Mondays @9PM Zoom <i>https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</i></p>	<p>The Missions Committee would like to invite you to join our church in prayer for our mission partners on Monday evenings at 9PM. We hope this new time will allow more people to join us in prayer.</p> <p>We will be praying for our sister church, City Pres in Zimbabwe</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <i>https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer</i></p>

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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

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

- *Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)*
- *Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)*
- *Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)*
- *Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!*
- *Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*

Community Groups

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:

www.cityreformed.org/community-groups

Sunday

Fox Chapel*- Watson Barker

North Hills**- David Bacon

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside*- Jeff Winkler

West Wills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available

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