



Sunday Morning Worship
April 24, 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

"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

—Peter (First Epistle of Peter, Chapter 2)

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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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday Morning Worship – April 24, 2022

Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Jeremiah 31:31-33

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

Leader "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

People **Not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.**

Leader For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

People **And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Prayer of Invocation

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907 Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Your works with joy surround You
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays
Stars and angels sing around You
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Loving Father, Christ our Brother
May Your Spirit in us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
With the morning stars begin
God's own love is reigning o'er us
Humble love binds all in Him
Christ we echo ever singing
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music we are bringing
In the triumph song of life

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, 12-14, 20

Were You There

(Words & Music: African American Spiritual)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Oh - Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb
Oh - Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

Were you there when the stone was rolled away
Were you there when the stone was rolled away
Oh - Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble
Were you there when the stone was rolled away

Were you there when he rose up from the dead
Were you there when he rose up from the dead
Oh - Sometimes I feel like shouting glory glory glory
Were you there when he rose up from the dead

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

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What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Call to Confession: Jeremiah 2:12-14

Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, forgive us for being lukewarm. We all too often run to this and that, and are excited about things, but do not know either the rest which comes from being in you, or the passion of love for you or the passion of seeking your blessings for all people. We are empty, but we cannot fill ourselves up. Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your love and zeal. Come Jesus, make your home with us and change us. Keep us from sins that deaden us, which lead us to turn from you, and give us lives of living faith.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Jeremiah 31:34

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Membership Vows: Monica Duffell

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).

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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: Genesis 12:1-4, Acts 2:36-47

Elements of Worship

"Covenant and Membership"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Genesis 12:1-4

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him...

Acts 2:36-47

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who

received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

Genesis 15:18 / On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land..."

Luke 22:20 / And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Ephesians 2:17-22 / And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Hebrews 9:15 / Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Credal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 7.1

The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasoning creatures owe obedience to him as their creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, except by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he has been pleased to express by way of covenant.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalms 16 | Faces of the Saints

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2019)

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge
I have no good without your daily presence
You are my hope my portion and my substance
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me
And in the night my heart proclaims your counsel
When you are near then I will not be shaken
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer
I will not follow in their greedy worship
No other name but yours is my devotion
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

This I Believe - Apostles' Creed

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker 2014)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high
Chorus 1

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Communion Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 1:1-17.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

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| <p>Shuttle Service Ends this week</p> | <p>Today is the final day of our college shuttle for the year. We will resume shuttle services when students return in the Fall. Contact zachary@cityreformed.org for any transportation questions.</p> |
| <p>Easter Breakfast Reflections</p> | <p>We had 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>Pittsburgh Marathon Next Sunday, May 1</p> | <p>The Pittsburgh Marathon is next Sunday. Expect road closures next week due to the race. You will receive an email this week with instructions outlining how to avoid road closures.</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> |
| <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> |

Volunteer Needs

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| <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. Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com) to sign up.</p> |

Regular Events

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| <p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM Zoom https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</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. We will be praying for Adrienne Wilholft and her ministry at Juniata College</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: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</p> |
| <p>New Women's Bible Study Thursdays, 6-7:30PM Zoom</p> | <p>Cathy Taylor is leading a study titled Senior Saints: Growing Older in God's Family. Contact Cathy Taylor at Lawyerdad5@aol.com for more information</p> |

Groups

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| <p>College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
| <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i> • <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)- MENTORS NEEDED!</i> • <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i> |

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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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.