



**Sunday Evening Communion 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Grace is favour, and peace its fruits. The former includes all that is comprehended in the love of God as exercised towards sinners: and the latter all the benefits which flow from that love."

- Charles Hodge

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
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# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Joe Stehle

## Call to Worship: Psalm 133

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

Leader Behold, how good and pleasant it is

People **when brothers dwell in unity!**

Leader It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,

People **on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!**

Leader It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

People **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Crown Him With Many Crowns

*(Words: Matthew Bridges 1951 Music: George Job Elvey 1868)*

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly 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 life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

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 each burning eye  
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose pow'r a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole  
That wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers 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

## **Eternal Weight of Glory**

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2013)*

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suff'ring seem so long  
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring  
Threaten silence to our song  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak  
But our hope is set on Jesus  
And we cling to him our strength

*For behold I tell a myst'ry  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake  
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry  
When we meet our King of Grace  
Every year we thought was wasted  
Every night we cried How long  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory  
Oh inheritance divine  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time  
All our pains will be transfigured  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord  
We will see the weight of glory  
And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior  
We'll behold him face to face  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace \_\_\_\_\_

## **Call to Confession: Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, you are infinite, eternal and unchanging. You are worthy of our time and our attention. You are the most significant and interesting thing in the universe. We should love you with all of our heart, and all of our soul, and all of our mind, and all of our strength. But, we confess that our attention shifts quickly. Your glory does not interest us as it should. Our hearts are divided, our souls are twisted, our minds wander, and we invest little strength in loving you. We easily think about our hobbies and our achievements, but we give little thought to you. Please help us to focus. Change our desires and awaken our passion for what is truly noble and good. May we tremble before your Word and be aware of your power to shake all things by your voice. Help us to worship. Help us to honor you in our mind. Send your Spirit to calm us and direct our focus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:6-8**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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## Stronger

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan 2007)*

There is Love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me

*You are stronger, you are stronger  
Sin is broken, you have saved me  
It is written, "Christ is risen"  
Jesus You are Lord of all*

No beginning and no end  
You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost  
You paid it all upon the cross

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher

# Scripture & Homily

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

"A Messy Church and a Perfect Savior- The introduction of the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

**P**aul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

<sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or

“I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.”  
<sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you  
baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized  
none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may  
say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also  
the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know  
whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send  
me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words  
of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its  
power.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God**

## Additional Scripture

Romans 10:12 / For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for  
the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

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Ephesians 4:5 / one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

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James 1:19 / Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to  
hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

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2 Peter 1:16 / For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made  
known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we  
were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

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# Sermon Outline

Proposition: Jesus saves absolutely.

Fallen condition: In every aspect of our lives (our performance, our jobs, our families, our looks, our souls, etc.) we are tempted to add to the salvation of Jesus.

Main Points:

1. You really are Christians (even when a mess)
2. Christians strive for agreement (because you really are believers)
3. Christ is always Savior (Christians can fail big)

Conclusion: Rehearse the Gospel

# 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

## Hallelujah What A Savior- Man of Sorrows

*(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)*

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*  
*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God is He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we'll sing:

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*(Words: Samuel Medley 1775 Music: "Duke Street" John Warrington Hatton 1793)*

I know that my Redeemer lives  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives  
He lives He lives who once was dead  
He lives my everlasting Head

He lives my kind wise constant Friend  
Who still will keep me to the end  
He lives and while He lives I'll sing  
Jesus my Prophet Priest and King

He lives to silence all my fears  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart  
He lives all blessings to impart

He lives to bless me with His love  
He lives to lead for me above  
He lives to raise me from the grave  
And me eternally to save

He lives to grant me daily breath  
He lives and I shall conquer death  
He lives all glory to His name  
Jesus unchangeably the same

## **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.

## **Benediction**