



Sunday Morning Worship
May 16, 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

The love of our neighbor hath its bounds in each man's love of himself.

- St. Augustine

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Services

9AM & 11AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

SIGN-UPS: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
412-720-7014
office@cityreformed.org
cityreformed.org

Church Center App:



Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA, 15213

SUNDAY 5/23 | 5PM

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give

Mail: Church Office address above

"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship – May 16, 2021
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-13

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

Leader There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

People **Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

Leader I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

People **For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

Prayer of Invocation

O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus

(Words: Samuel T. Francis 1800's; Music: Thomas J. Williams 1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless free.
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love.
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more.
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own.
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best.
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

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No Longer Slaves

(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

Call to Confession: Romans 8:12-15

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Prayer of Confession

Father, we are thankful that you have called us to yourself, to walk in your light and to know you as our heavenly Father. We thank you also that you have called us to walk together with one another as fellow pilgrims in this world. We thank you that we have the friendship and fellowship of other believers.

But as we reflect on the words of Jesus, calling us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves - we know that we fall short. We have sinned against our neighbors with the words we say and the words we have failed to say. We have transgressed our neighbor in thought and in deed. We have failed to bear the burdens of others and desperately need your grace. Renew us and change us. Grant us the blessing of love and unity. May we begin to see the depth of your love as we live in love together. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Membership Vows: Jimmy & Shelly Scott (11:00)

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).

Before the Throne of God Above

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook 1997)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2x)

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2x)

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Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents please escort your children and pick them up after the sermon.

Sermon: Colossians 3:12-4:1

"The Neighborly Word"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²²Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

Additional Scripture

John 15:3-5 / Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Ephesians 5:1-2 / Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:18b-21 / [B]ut be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Scriptural Response: Mark 12:28-31

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Song of Thanksgiving

Parents are encouraged to pick up their children from Children's Church at this time.
Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD
It shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD
We shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

<p>Attending Services "In-Person"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundays 9AM & 11AM • Every Other Sunday 5PM <p>Winchester Thurston (WT) 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p> <p>Church Center App</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **Please Sign Up for Indoor Services on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. For assistance, contact Sol@cityreformed.org. • For services INDOORS at WT, please submit the WT Screening Form (tinyurl.com/WTscreening) - one per Sunday per household - on the Sunday morning you attend (not before Sunday). • Before attending, please self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household (Review "Safe & Sound": tinyurl.com/SafeCRPCSound). • Mandatory **MASK** policy (all over 2 yrs old) • Please maintain social distancing between households. • **CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON upon arrival.** • 9AM Morning Service will be Livestreamed.
<p>WT Room Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Church will be held during the sermon in Dance Studio (G8). • Cry Room is at the back of the Cafeteria. • Overflow seating is in the Senior Dining Room. • Nursing Lounge remains in G10 (across from the restrooms).
<p>Children's Church REOPENS IN-PERSON G8 (Dance Studio)</p>	<p>Offered at both morning services during our church's reopening phase. Please pre-register your children when signing up to attend. For health & safety and Children's Church guidelines, contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Open Evening Communion Service 5:00 PM NEXT Sunday 5/23 WT Parking Lot, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</p> <p>In-person service held OUTDOORS, with communion served (pre-packaged individual cups). Please review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No Advance Sign-Ups required; Check-Ins only.</i> • <u>Please bring your own chairs/blankets to sit on</u> • Please park on the street or along the campus driveways parallel to Ellsworth, Bayard & Morewood. Handicap spots will be reserved near the Ellsworth entry. • For restroom access to the building, WT requires self-assessment screening. Please submit the WT Screening form before entering the building (one form per Sunday per household). 	

<p>Serve at City tinyurl.com/ServantCity</p>	<p>One of the main concern for our reopening plan (e.g. nursery, Children's Church) is to determine how many volunteers are able to help. Please consider serving by completing the "Serve at City" google form: tinyurl.com/ServantCity.</p>
<p>Churchwide Directory Update</p>	<p>We are currently working on updating our directory. New to City Reformed and interested in being included? Or would you like to update your info? Contact Chrissie@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Membership Class Fri 6/4 @ 7-9:30PM & Sat 6/5 @ 9-1PM <i>IN-PERSON at the Church Office, 3929 Coleman St.</i></p>	<p>Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School (VBS) <i>Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park</i> July 26-30 10:30AM-12:30PM tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21</p>	<p>REGISTRATIONS OPEN for VBS 2021: <i>Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through</i> Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Sign up as a VBS Child, Youth Crew Leader, or Adult Volunteer. Register online: tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21 Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>New Full-Time Ministry Position at City Reformed</p>	<p>Entry-level position that will split time evenly between youth ministry and office/program administration. Job description is found on cityreformed.org/employment</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30AM tinyurl.com/CRPCmissionsprayer</p>	<p>Join CRPC Missions Committee weekly for 30 min Zoom prayer. Contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws). Check out our new missions website: cityreformed.org/missions</p>
<p>Agora Forum Mon 5/17 @ 7PM <i>3929 Coleman St., 15207</i> tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</p>	<p>We will have a guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Everhard. Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Webinar of the Christian Scientific Society (CSS) Sat 5/29 @ 10AM-2PM christianscientific.org</p>	<p><i>"Is there intelligent life in outer space? What are the stakes?"</i> It is open to the public and free, with a suggested donation. Preregistration is required. Contact Dave (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Ladies' Day Out(doors) Sat Jun 19 @ 9:30AM - 4PM</p>	<p>Save the Date! Details to follow! Contact Sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>WMC Bridal & Baby Shower Invite List</p>	<p>Attention ladies! This is a separate email list created for those interested in receiving shower invitations on a regular basis. If you would like to be added or taken off the list at this time, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>

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<p>Women's Informal Gatherings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sunday, May 16 @ 3-4:30PM - Frick Park (Regent Square).</i> Meet in the field across from Sandy Snoke's house & take a walk with us! • <i>Wednesday, May 19 @ 10:30AM-12PM - Commonplace Coffee & Allegheny Commons Park North Park.</i> Come enjoy one of Pittsburgh's best coffee shops in one of Pittsburgh's cutest neighborhoods! (1501 Buena Vista St, 15212). <p>For more info, contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Women's Evening Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM</p>	<p>Join us Monday evenings over Zoom for "Becoming a Women of Purpose." Contact Cathy Taylor (Lawyerdad5@aol.com).</p>
<p>Tuesday Ladies Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM</p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings over Zoom. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship Every other Saturday</p>	<p>This is an informal gathering of young 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. You can expect, zoom conversations, zoom workouts, hikes, service etc. Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Youth Group</p>	<p>Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a series of events throughout the spring and summer! Contact Becki@cityreformed.org or Ben@cityreformed.org for info about upcoming events.</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 (kspallinger@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.
