



Sunday Morning Worship
June 7, 2020

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

Comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable.

- Finley Peter Dunne

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [LIVESTREAM]

tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM [CANCELED]

3929 Coleman St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Greenfield)

Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give

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"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable
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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – June 7, 2020
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:5-10

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

Leader Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People **Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

Leader Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

People **The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

Leader The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

People **The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Leader The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

People **Praise the LORD!**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680; Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: Anonymous 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation!

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*All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.* Repeat

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

*Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?* Repeat

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.

*Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.* Repeat

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.

*Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.* Repeat

Great Are You Lord

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Prayer of Confession

Father, you alone are perfect and holy. We want to believe that we are pretty good people, but in reality our lives are dirty and our thoughts are impure. We sin daily in thought, word, and deed. We would love to cover this up and pretend that it is not true. But your law convicts us. When we see your commandments they become a mirror to us. We see that we are selfish and sinful. We hurt others and we turn from you. We have no hope of being righteous on our own. So we thank you for Jesus. He is our righteousness. In his death we have life. In his resurrection we have power to put sin to death. By faith we are your children. Make your law clear to our eyes so that sin is clear and Christ is seen to be precious. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes and offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. While we are unable to receive your contributions in-person, please direct all giving to our website or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Jesus Lover of My Soul

(Words: Charles Wesley 1740; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Jesus lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Savior hide
Till the storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee
Leave ah leave me not alone
Still support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
Help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
The shadow of Thy wing

Thou O Christ art all I want
More than all in Thee I find
Raise the fallen cheer the faint
Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
To all eternity

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 8:18-27

"Storms and Sacrifice" - Reverend Matt Koerber

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."
²⁰And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."
²¹Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ²²And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.
²⁴And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.
²⁵And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Jeremiah 8:11 / They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.

Creedal Response: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure
With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

Attending Sunday Service "In-Person"	Those interested should sign up by sending an email to sol@cityreformed.org . Each week we will invite people within this pool to fill open seats. Anyone who signs up is agreeing to abide by the guidelines for official activities (as outlined in the member letter), including wearing a facemask throughout the service.
Zoom Call for Children Sun 6/7 @ 12PM	Children, meet with Pastor Matt & Chrissie today! For Zoom link, contact Charis (charis@cityreformed.org).
Game Night Mon 6/8 @ 6-9PM <i>Basement Rec Hall</i> 3929 Coleman St., 15207	Remember to bring your masks. Bring your own games or just drop in. Meets in the ***basement*** rec hall. Contact Gary Atcheson (gatcheson@gmail.com).
Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCpray</i>	We invite you to join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Feel free to send prayer requests to prayer@cityreformed.org .
Psalms Hymn Sing Tues 6/16 @ 6:30-8PM	The Morningside CG invites you to join online for a Hymn Sing through the Psalms. There will be some new songs - for the links to the playlist, visit the Events page on our website or contact Jeff (jeffreypwinkler@gmail.com). YouTube Link to follow.
Membership Class Zoom Fri 6/19 @ 7-9:30PM & Sat 6/20 @ 9-1PM	Learn more about our church! Contact Pastor Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org). Sign up ahead of time: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events .
City Women's Literary Society (CWLS) Tues 6/23	Start reading <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis to join the discussion! Zoom link to follow. Contact Kimberly (ksgirard@gmail.com).
Vacation Bible School 2020 CANCELED	Due to the pandemic, our VBS ministry is canceled this summer. Hoping to kick it off again next summer 2021. Contact Charis (charis@cityreformed.org).

Parent Survey (Action Appreciated!)	Please complete short parent surveys for KIDS (tinyurl.com/CRPCkids) and/or NURSERY (tinyurl.com/CRPCnursery). Your feedback and input will help us know how we can continue to serve, encourage, and equip you in the ongoing discipleship of your children, particularly as we continue to navigate children's ministry during this pandemic. Contact Charis (charis@cityreformed.org).
Work Days	Do you have some free time to work on the church building? Volunteers are welcome! Days and times are flexible, so please contact Gary to arrange (412-901-5266 or building@cityreformed.org).
Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik Melchior (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.
Make Connections via Online Media	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. <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 Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).
Pastoral Devotionals tinyurl.com/CRPCPastorJoseph	Join Pastor Joseph online for encouragement while we are in our homes and away from each other.

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

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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.
