



Sunday Morning Worship
July 16, 2023

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

"Don't let your eyes get used to darkness
The light is coming soon
Don't let your heart get used to sadness
Put your hope in what is true

When the future seems uncertain
Like the coming of a storm
Your loving Father carries his children
When they can't walk anymore

No matter how the wind may blow
It cannot shake the sun
Lay your sorrows on the ground
It's time to come back home"

- J.J. Heller, "Back Home"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
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LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

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

Leader As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before him.

People **A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.**

Leader I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

People **And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.**

Prayer of Invocation

Is He Worthy

(Words & Music: Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson 2018)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
Do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could
see it all made new? (We do)

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Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be
The light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
(It is)

*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold
Forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does)

*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe,
every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom
and priests to God
to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy?*

*Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?*

He is He is
He is He is
He is worthy, worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Scripture Reading: Psalm 85

Speak Peace (Psalm 85)

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

*Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to your saints
Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand
Unfailing love and truth have met
Righteousness will cover all the earth
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again
And let us hear what you will say
Will your anger always be on us
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin
We have been restored again
Show us your unfailing love
Grant us salvation

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*

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: Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if

we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess to you that we have often set our sights too low. We have focused on money, entertaining ourselves, and avoiding pain. Like animals reacting to stimuli, we have often reacted to our passions and anger and pleasures without thought. Like mice, we have scurried in fear before the powers of this world.

Lord, lift up our eyes. We were made in your image, for something far greater. Your kingdom is an eternal and glorious kingdom, populated by people from every language, and tribe and nation. You have planned all history to culminate in your glorious city, the New Jerusalem, and we play a role in that story. All creation cries out to praise you, the Holy One. Change us, O Lord, to remember that our citizenship is in heaven and we are not mere animals or slaves of this world, for you have redeemed us through the blood of your Son. We praise you, for you alone are worthy for us to fix our eyes on. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Missions Moment: Rachel Bauserman

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759 Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Come ye wounded weak and worn
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity joined with pow'r

Come ye needy come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh

*He is able He is able
Christ is able doubt no more
Come ye sinners poor and needy
Christ is able still to save*

Come ye weary heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

Come ye ransomed and forgiven
Come ye rescued from the grave
Rise and worship Christ our Savior
For the glory of His name

Missions Moment: Rachel Bauserman, Japan

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 from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon:

Matthew 23:34-39, 24:1-36

"Jesus Predicts the Future"

- Elder David Snoke

"Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, ³⁵so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ²But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

³As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

⁴And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.

⁵For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will

be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. ¹⁰And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²²And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand.

²⁶So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³²“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁶“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Matthew 21:33-43 / "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them,

"Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

John 15:20 / Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

Credal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism #56

Leader How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

People **Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, will come again at the last day in great power and in the full manifestation of his own glory and his Father's glory, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.**

Songs of Thanksgiving

Psalm 126

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

Lion and the Lamb

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Who can stop the Lord almighty
Who can stop the Lord almighty

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend John McCombs will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 11, "Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing."

Announcements

<p>New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at CRPC: Thursdays August 31 - Nov 30th 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>GriefShare Ministry at CRPC update: Meeting weekly on Thursdays 6:30-8:30 PM at Greenfield Chapel, starting August 31 to November 30. Check out GriefShare.org. To learn more, contact Joe (joestehle@gmail.com) or Ginny (heaslberry@comcast.net) or Katrina (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com). Please register at: https://www.griefshare.org/groups/170387</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group: Thursdays</p>	<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group meets twice a month on Thursday evening. Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Hebrews. Meeting in July on the 6th and 27th at 7pm. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>Youth Missions Trip: Jeannette August 7-11th 1pm - 9pm</p>	<p>Mosaic Community Church has invited us back for our second youth missions trip to Jeannette! This year, we will be assisting with their soccer camp in the evenings after doing our typical afternoon service and leadership talks. Dates are August 7th-11th, from 1pm to 9pm. There will be some flexibility for people who can only attend evenings. Adult drivers needed, especially during the day! Please contact Amy Channell (amylee012012@gmail.com) or John McCombs (john@cityreformed.org) for more info</p>
<p>Youth Group Tie-Dye and Bonfire Party: July 26 6pm - 9pm</p>	<p>Attention City Youth! Join us for a tie-dye and bonfire party! It'll be Wednesday, July 26th from 6:00-9:00 pm at Ms. Elizabeth's house, 27 Yoder St, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. The night will start off with the tie-dyeing and after that a fire! We'll provide a dinner of hot dogs, snacks, and s'mores, and then some board games. We can provide every kid with a t-shirt for no charge, but please email Ms. Elizabeth (elizabeth.mcmillan20@gmail.com) with their size by July 16th so she can order the shirts in time. If they'd like to tie-dye multiple items they can bring other things too, we'll have more than enough dye. If anyone has any questions please feel free to email Ms. Elizabeth!</p>
<p>Youth Group Parent Meeting via Zoom Tuesday 25th 8-9pm</p>	<p>We are hoping to provide an opportunity to discuss plans for youth ministry in the fall and the reforming of a Youth Ministry Committee. Contact Pastor Matt (pastormatt@cityreformed.org)</p>
<p>Sound Director Position Available</p>	<p>City Reformed is looking for a part-time Sound Director to begin as soon as possible. Job description available, please send resume and interest to Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)</p>

Regular Events

<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is July 24. We will be continuing our summer series "How to think about God". Contact Alex Main(amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: Monthly</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 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>Global Mission Prayer: Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for MTW Bulgaria. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>*New Leader & Location*: Wednesdays bi-weekly (beginning on July 19th) @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) .</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee: Thursdays @ 6PM</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us Thursdays (6 PM) at McKnight Playground near the aviary. Contact Dan Toney, danielrtoney@gmail.com</p>
<p>Summer RUF @ Breeden Abode: Dinner at 6pm</p>	<p>Thursdays, starting on June 1st at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (Shadyside) Dinner at 6.00pm, Study + Discussion at 7.00pm. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact gavin.breeden@ruf.org or callie.miller@ruf.org</p>

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- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- **Agora Forum- Alex Main** (amain8511@gmail.com)
- **Men's New Hope** (Joseph@cityreformed.org)
- **Mommies' Group** (Sandy@cityreformed.org)
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** (Nameun@cityreformed.org)
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