



Sunday Morning Worship  
July 18, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

It is always incumbent upon the people of God to remember that he is not only their shepherd, but that he is the Lord God. Yet the sheep were not the only ones who needed to hear this message. The undershepherds of Israel failed to remember that they themselves were the Lord's sheep, resulting in the scattering of the flock and their own condemnation. These words continue to serve as a vivid reminder to those who would lead his flock of their accountability to the Lord for the manner in which they care for his sheep.

- Timothy Z. Witmer, "The Shepherd Leader"

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213  
9AM LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPClive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPClive)

### Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213  
SUNDAY 7/25 / 6PM

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
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# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Exodus 34:4-8

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

- Leader So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first.
- People **And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone.**
- Leader The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.
- People **The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,**
- Leader "Keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."
- People **And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Holy Holy Holy**

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## **What a Beautiful Name**

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood; Alternate 2nd verse: Daniel Snoke 2017)

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in you our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is  
What a beautiful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness  
And darkness has not overcome  
Grace and truth have come through Jesus  
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is  
What a wonderful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and shame  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

## **Call to Confession: Matthew 26:36-39**

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have also abandoned Christ in the garden. We have failed to remain awake like the disciples and have sought our own glory. When confronted with our desires, we chose ourselves over you. We have not longed for your purposes as we ought, we have failed to submit to your authority, and through our selfishness we have increased our trespass. Forgive us and renew our hearts and minds. Restore to us the vision of your good purposes. Lead us in whichever way you choose. Help us to submit to you with glad hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 5:7-9**

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him....

## **Membership Vows: Chris Bollinger (11AM)**

## **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](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

### **Heal Us Emmanuel**

(Words: William Cowper 1779; Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton 2015)

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are  
We long to feel Thy touch  
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly  
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess  
We faintly trust Thy word  
But will You pity us the less?  
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied  
With trembling for relief  
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried  
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press  
And healing virtue stole  
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace  
Thy faith has made you whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
To touch You if we may  
O send us not despairing home  
Send none unhealed away

## **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: Hebrews 13:7-9, 17-19**

### **Hebrews: Running the Race with Endurance "Authority"**

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- Reverend Joseph Bianco

**R**emember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them...

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

<sup>18</sup>Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. <sup>19</sup>I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

# Sermon Outline

**Proposition:** With Jesus as the head we must humbly receive the advantage of God-given authority.

**Fallen condition:** We either allow our hurts to keep us from healthy authority, or we desire to be an authority unto ourselves.

## Main Points: How do we receive godly authority?...

1. We understand the priority of authority
  2. We grieve examples of ungodly authority
  3. We take hold of the advantage

**Conclusion:** Even Jesus submitted his will to the Father, in order to gain us.

## Notes

## **Additional Scripture**

Exodus 20:12 / "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

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Proverbs 11:14 / Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

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Matthew 26:39 / And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

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John 8:58 / Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

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John 19:11 / Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

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1 Corinthians 11:13 / Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered?

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1 Corinthians 15:2 / And by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

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Ephesians 5:23 / For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

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Titus 3:1, 8 / Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work... The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

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1 Peter 5:5 / Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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## **Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 123. What is the fifth commandment?

A. **The fifth commandment is, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."**

Q. 124. Who are meant by *father* and *mother* in the fifth commandment?

A. ***Father* and *mother* in the fifth commandment mean not only natural parents, but all those set over us in age and gifts, and especially those who, by God's arrangement, are over us in a place of authority, whether in a family, church, or nation.**

## **Song of Thanksgiving**

Parents are encouraged to pick up their children from Children's Church at this time.

### **Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted**

(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown  
Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your obedience sweet  
Christ will give you strength to bear it  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory (3x)  
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him  
Blest the ears that hear His voice  
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him  
And in Him alone rejoice  
His commandments (3x)  
Then become their happy choice

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Sweet as home to pilgrims weary  
Light to newly opened eyes  
Like full springs in deserts dreary  
Is the rest the cross supplies  
All who taste it (3x)  
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

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If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org).

## Life Together

<b>Morning Service</b> Sundays @ 9AM & 11AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213	We have resumed serving communion on the first Sunday of the month. Morning Service Livestream at 9AM continues indefinitely.
<b>Evening Service OUTDOORS</b> NEXT Sunday, July 25th @ 6PM WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth, 15213	<b>**NOTE: Evening Communion Services remain OUTDOORS through the summer.</b> <b>Also, please note the TIME CHANGE, service will begin at 6:00 PM.</b> <b>** Please bring your own chairs/blankets to sit on.</b> August services: August 8th and 22nd.
<b>Nursery Ministry Reopening</b> Sundays 9AM	INFANT (0-23 months) & TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) has reopened in the Dance Studio (G8). Please pre-register: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a> . Nursery Disciplers NEEDED! If you would like to serve in the nursery to care for and disciple our littles, please sign up: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/servantcity">tinyurl.com/servantcity</a> . Contact <a href="mailto:Charis@cityreformed.org">Charis@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>New Part-Time Position at City Reformed</b>	Children's Ministry Coordinator oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 hours/week. Job description is found at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/employment.html">cityreformed.org/employment.html</a>
<b>Return VBS Supply Donations</b> TODAY Sunday, July 18th	THANK YOU to those of you who are donating supplies for VBS! Contact <a href="mailto:Zachary@cityreformed.org">Zachary@cityreformed.org</a> before dropping off supplies at the church office. Please return supply donations to church at WT by July 25th at the latest. Thank you! Contact <a href="mailto:Charis@cityreformed.org">Charis@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>Vacation Bible School (VBS)</b> July 26 - 30 10:30AM-12:30PM Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21">tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21</a>	<b>REGISTRATIONS STILL OPEN for VBS 2021: <i>Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through</i></b> Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Sign up as a VBS Child, Youth Crew Leader, or Adult Volunteer online: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21">tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21</a> <b>More Adult Volunteers with clearances still NEEDED!</b> Contact <a href="mailto:Charis@cityreformed.org">Charis@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>Joint Picnic with Bethany Baptist</b> TODAY Sunday, July 18th @ 1PM Monroeville Community Park 2399 Tillbrook Rd, 15146	City Reformed will join Bethany Baptist Church for a joint picnic. The picnic will begin at 1:00 pm and continue throughout the afternoon. Chips and soda will be provided, BYOPicnic.
<b>All Church Picnic</b> Wednesday, July 28th Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion	Join us at Schenley Park! 5:30 pm B.Y.O.Picnic 7:00-8:00 Music, worship, and celebration

<b>Community Prayer</b> Monroeville Community Park (Shelter to be determined) Thursday, July 22nd @ 6PM	Please join us for a time of Prayer in the Park with friends from Bethany Baptist Church, City Reformed, and any other Christian committed to praying for the needs of our communities. Come prepared to pray!
<b>Remembrance for Rick Heasley</b> Visitation: Friday, July 30th @ 3-7 PM  Memorial Service: Saturday, July 31st @ 11AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitation is 3:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday, July 30, at Lanigan Funeral Home (1111 Monroeville Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.)</li> <li>A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am, on Saturday July 31, at the Greenfield Chapel (3929 Coleman St., Pittsburgh 15207.)</li> <li>A picnic lunch will follow the memorial service, details TBA.</li> </ul>
<b>Women's Informal Gatherings</b> Social events for women of all ages!	<b>Friday, July 23 @11:30AM-1PM</b> Tazza D'Oro Coffee & Highland Park: Grab some coffee and walk to Highland park! (Meet at Tazza D'Oro: 1125 N Highland Ave, 15208. Contact <a href="mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org">Katelyn@cityreformed.org</a> .)
<b>Speak Peace Release Event</b> Friday, August 20 @ 6:30PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207	Join us as we worship together and celebrate Daniel's new album, Speak Peace. We will also be releasing the accompanying book and displaying the original artwork. Doors open at 630 and the music will start at 7. FREE with \$10 suggested donation. For more info, join the event on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/34033401340374/">bit.ly/3AMqs74</a>
<b>PRISM Garage Giveaway</b> August 20th & 21st	PRISM is collecting donations of small furniture and applicances for international students. Key needs: volunteers, drivers, lifters for giveaway days. Drop-off days: August 16,17,18 from 10am to 8pm Setup & Sorting: August 16-19 from 10am to 8pm Giveaway days: August 20 & 21 Contact Bernadette ( <a href="mailto:bfischer.prism@gmail.com">bfischer.prism@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Part-Time Position OPEN at City Reformed: Bookkeeper</b>	City Reformed is looking to hire a new bookkeeper as Allison Barker transitions out of this role. The position is part-time, with flexible hours. Job description is found at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/employment.html">cityreformed.org/employment.html</a>
<b>Congregational Prayers Needed</b>	Would you consider being added to our Congregational Prayer Rotation list? It's a beautiful opportunity to serve those around us by hearing various voices lifting our requests to our Lord. Contact <a href="mailto:Chrissie@cityreformed.org">Chrissie@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b>	Informal gatherings of young adult women in the church with the purpose to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. Contact <a href="mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org">Katelyn@cityreformed.org</a> .

<b>Ladies Monday Bible Study</b> Mondays @ 6-7:30PM <i>Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</i>	Every other Monday via Zoom: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor ( <a href="mailto:lawyerdad5@aol.com">lawyerdad5@aol.com</a> ).
<b>Men's &amp; Women's Discipleship Committees</b>	Men and women who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at <a href="mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org">mdc@cityreformed.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service</b> Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM	Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the <b>Deacons@cityreformed.org</b> .

**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](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org)) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to:

- [cityreformed.org/community-groups](http://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](http://cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups)

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho ([ncho@ccojubilee.org](mailto:ncho@ccojubilee.org))
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger ([kspallinger@ccojubilee.org](mailto:kspallinger@ccojubilee.org))
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates ([dbates@ruf.org](mailto:dbates@ruf.org)), Callie Miller ([callie.miller@ruf.org](mailto:callie.miller@ruf.org))
- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://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](http://cityreformed.org).

### Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org).

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