



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**August 1, 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

"When the whole world is running towards a cliff, he who is running in the opposite direction appears to have lost his mind."

- C.S. Lewis

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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 8/8 | 6PM*

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
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# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Morning Worship – August 1, 2021  
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 63:7-9

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

Leader I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD,

People **According to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.**

Leader For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior.

People **In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.**

## Prayer of Invocation

# Saved My Soul

(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)

*You my God have saved my soul  
I am Yours forevermore  
I won't be moved of this I'm sure  
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me  
Held in chains by the enemy  
But You broke them in victory  
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope  
I am saved by Your grace alone  
I will sing of Your love for me  
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the King of Kings  
He has paid for my every sin  
And from now through eternity  
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive  
You gave to me the breath of life  
You brought me up out from the grave  
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

## How Great Thou Art

(Words & Music: Carl Gustav Boberg 1949)

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art

## **Call to Confession: II Corinthians 3:4-6**

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we are insufficient to carry out the task of ministry to which you have called us. Too often have we striven under our own power, forgetting our weakness. Forgive us for the times we have sought justification in our hearts by the letter of the law. Forgive us when we have believed the lie of self-sufficiency. When trials have come, forgive us for seeking you last and not first in our hearts. Help us to find you sufficient for all that you call us to in ministry, work, and family. Be our sufficiency and renew our hearts and minds to live by the Spirit of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: II Corinthians 3:7-9**

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory

## **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).*

## What the Lord Has Done In Me

*(Words & Music: Reuben Morgan 1998)*

Let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Let the blind say I can see  
It's what the Lord has done in me

*Hosanna hosanna  
To the Lamb that was slain  
Hosanna hosanna  
Jesus died and rose again*

Into the river I will wade  
There my sins are washed away  
From the heaven's mercy stream  
Of the Saviour's love for me

I will rise from waters deep  
Into the saving arms of God  
I will sing salvation songs  
Jesus Christ has set me free

## 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 13:20-25

### **Hebrews: Running the Race with Endurance "Blessing and Appeal"**

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- Reverend Joseph Bianco

**N**ow may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup>equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>22</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. <sup>23</sup> You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. <sup>24</sup> Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings. <sup>25</sup> Grace be with all of you.

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

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

## Additional Scripture

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Matthew 26:28 / "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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Luke 12:51 / "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

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John 14:27 / "Peace be with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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John 16:33 / "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

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Romans 5:1 / I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

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Romans 11:27 / "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

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Romans 15:13 / May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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Philippians 4:7 / And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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I Thessalonians 5:26 / Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

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I Peter 5:14 / Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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Hebrews 7:22 / This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

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# 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. If you have non-communicating children, the elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.*

*Communion is served with grape juice and wafers in individually packaged containers. There is also gluten-free wafers 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

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

### 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

## **Your Grace Is Enough**

*(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2003)*

Great is Your faithfulness O God of Jacob  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
Where nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

*For Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

## **Doxology**

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

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.  
Amen

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

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

## Life Together

<p><b>Morning Service</b> Sundays @ 9AM &amp; 11AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>We have resumed serving communion on the first Sunday of the month. Morning Service Livestream at 9AM continues indefinitely.</p>
<p><b>Evening Service OUTDOORS</b> TONIGHT Sunday, July 25th @ 6PM WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p><b>**NOTE: Evening Communion Services remain OUTDOORS through the summer.</b> <i>Also, please note the TIME CHANGE, service will begin at 6:00 PM.</i> <b>** Please bring your own chairs/blankets to sit on.</b> July services: July 11th and 25th August services: August 8th and 22nd.</p>
<p><b>Part-Time Positions at City Reformed</b></p>	<p><i>Children's Ministry Coordinator</i> oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week. <i>Bookkeeper</i> need 15 hours a week! Job descriptions is found at: <b><a href="http://cityreformed.org/employment.html">cityreformed.org/employment.html</a></b></p>
<p><b>Sunday School Teachers Needed</b></p>	<p><i>Sunday School teachers</i> needed for Fall 2021. Clearances and Session approval required. Contact Charis: <a href="mailto:charis@cityreformed.org">charis@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>A HUGE THANK YOU!</b></p>	<p>CRPC is so grateful for the hours of energy and time and care given to this years VBS! Thank you to the men and women that poured so much into this past week.</p>
<p><b>Congregational Prayers Needed</b></p>	<p>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 <b><a href="mailto:Chrissie@cityreformed.org">Chrissie@cityreformed.org</a></b></p>
<p><b>Women's Informal Gatherings</b> Social events for women of all ages!</p>	<p><b>Friday, August 6 @7:30-9PM</b> Ice Cream Social at Jamie Dodd's Home in McKees Rocks. Contact <b><a href="mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org">Katelyn@cityreformed.org</a></b>.</p>
<p><b>Nursery Ministry Open</b> Sundays 9AM</p>	<p>INFANT (0-23 months) &amp; TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) has reopened in the Dance Studio (G8). Please pre-register: <b><a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a></b>. Nursery Disciplers NEEDED! If you would like to serve in the nursery to care for and disciple our littles, please sign up: <b><a href="http://tinyurl.com/servantcity">tinyurl.com/servantcity</a></b>. Contact <b><a href="mailto:Charis@cityreformed.org">Charis@cityreformed.org</a></b>.</p>

<p><b>Speak Peace Release Event</b> Friday, August 20 @ 6:30PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>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: <b>bit.ly/3AMqs74</b></p>
<p><b>PRISM Garage Giveaway</b> August 20th &amp; 21st</p>	<p>PRISM is collecting donations of small furniture and appliances for international students. Key needs: volunteers, drivers, lifters for giveaway days. Drop-off days: August 16,17,18 from 10am to 8pm Setup &amp; Sorting: August 16-19 from 10am to 8pm Giveaway days: August 20&amp;21 Contact Bernadette (<b>bfischer.prism@gmail.com</b>)</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b></p>	<p>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 <b>Katelyn@cityreformed.org</b>.</p>
<p><b>Ladies Monday Bible Study</b> Mondays @ 6-7:30PM Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</p>	<p>Every other Monday: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (<b>lawyerdad5@aol.com</b>)</p>
<p><b>Men's &amp; Women's Discipleship Committees</b></p>	<p>Men and women who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at <b>mdc@cityreformed.org</b> or Sandy@cityreformed.org</p>
<p><b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service</b> 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 <b>Deacons@cityreformed.org</b>.</p>

**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](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)
- 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](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

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## 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](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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