



Sunday Morning Worship
August 16, 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

But though I have wept and fasted, wept and prayed,
Though I have seen my head (grown slightly bald) brought in upon a platter,
I am no prophet — and here's no great matter;
I have seen the moment of my greatness flicker,
And I have seen the eternal Footman hold my coat, and snicker,
And in short, I was afraid.

- T.S. Eliot, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [LIVESTREAM]

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 8/16 | 5-5:30PM & 6-6:30PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot

5059 Ellsworth Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give

Mail: to the Church Office address above
"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable
to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-6

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

Leader I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

People **I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 34 | Gloria

(Words & Music: Mars Hill Music)

I sought for the King.
Then He heard my cry,
And delivered me
From my lonely fears.

They looked unto Him
In His radiance.
All their faces have
Been made unashamed.

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Gloria! (4x)

*O, taste and see
That the Lord is good
All you people, all you saints
All you children of the King.*

What Wondrous Love Is This

(Words: Anonymous; Melody: American Folk Southern Harmony)

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down
Sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be

And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
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Call to Confession: Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are holy and perfect. Lord, you are faithful and compassionate. Stir our hearts to recognize our sin. Open our eyes to our need for you. Give us the strength to return to you. Help us to seek you Lord. Strengthen us so that we can follow you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-2

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.

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).

Satisfied

(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875; Music: Karl Digerness 1997; Arranged: Daniel Snoko 2010)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some clear spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.
The one my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 11:1-15

"Disappointed" - Reverend Matt Koerber

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 / For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 18.4

True believers may have the assurance of their salvation shaken in various ways, diminished, and cease for a time, by negligence in preserving it, by falling into some special sin which wounds the conscience and grieves the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation, or by God's withdrawing the light of his face, allowing even those who fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light. Yet are they never utterly destitute of the seed of God, the life of faith, the love of Christ and the brethren, sincerity of heart, and consciousness of duty, all of which the operation of the Spirit may use to revive this assurance in due time. In the meantime, they are supported by the Spirit from utter despair.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Who Is This So Weak and Helpless

(Words: William W. How 1867; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlast—ing,
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?

'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place prepar—ing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy ven—geance
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God Who lives forever
'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden ci—ty,
Reigning everlastingly.

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In the glorious golden ci—ty,
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Come Thou Fount

(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan 1760; Music: Unknown)

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.

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Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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.

Children's Ministry Event: Family Summer Fun Picnic THIS Sat 8/22 @11AM-1PM <i>Oval Shelter, Schenley Park</i>	Outdoor socially distanced BYOpicnic with kids' activities and Kona Ice Truck! Picnic GUIDELINES on cityreformed.org/events - <u>7 spaces open!</u> You MUST RSVP to Charis@cityreformed.org .
PRISM Garage Giveaway - a New Way - Welcoming International Students	Greatest needs are for chairs, small tables or desks, bookshelves, and kitchen appliances. Contact Susannah: sclarke.prism@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 .

"Open" Evening Services

TONIGHT Sunday 8/16 @ 5-5:35 PM & 6-6:35 PM
 Winchester Thurston **Parking Lot**, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213

Outdoor, socially distanced, **in-person** service will be held twice, with **communion** (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times.

- If able to attend either time, last names **A-J attend 5:00PM & K-Z the 6:00PM.**
- **** BRING YOUR MASKS **** Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 years old.
No childcare provided.
- Bring your own **chairs** or blankets to sit on.
- **Park on the street** or along the campus driveways parallel to Ellsworth, Bayard & Morewood. *Do NOT park in the parking lot NOR adjacent to the field.* **Handicap** spots will be reserved near the Ellsworth entry and Bayard exit.
- **Walk to the courtyard parking lot for the service from Ellsworth Ave or Bayard St, by the field.**
- No entry to the service through the building, only exit from the service through the building.
- **No fellowship hour** - please **exit soon after Benediction.**
- Stop by the **check-in table** (by the field) to pick up a **bulletin.** Note that for purposes of **contact tracing**, we are **checking in everyone** who attends. Consider downloading the **Church Center app** to check yourself in for the service in advance on your Android or iOS smartphone. Scan the QR code for the app.
- If you have an **infectious disease**, do not attend until you are fever-free for 72 hours, 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared, and other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc) have improved.
- Members who are **highly vulnerable** should give special attention to their participation with any in-person activity.
- Members who have had **close contact with a COVID** positive person should follow guidelines for quarantine.
- Members who have **traveled out of state to a high risk** area should attend to government recommendations for reentry.



Morning livestream service continues indefinitely.

Attending AM "In-Person"	Sign up by contacting Sol (sol@cityreformed.org).
Sending The Fishers to North Africa	All donations can be given through Crossroads Christian Fellowship, 805 Vernon Rd, Greenville, PA 16125 with Memo: "The Fishers"; Or online: crossroadschristianfellowship.org , click on Tithe, in "Give to" select "Jon and Beka Fisher." To be on their newsletter list, email jon.beka.fisher@protonmail.com.
Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!	PARENTS, we have willing volunteers signed up to serve you by babysitting your children or being a parent helper! Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org. VOLUNTEERS, complete: tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT.

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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.
