



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**August 22, 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

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

- Isaiah 61:1

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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 Tonight 8/22 | 6PM*

### Church Office

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

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# Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – August 22, 2021  
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-3

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

Leader Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People **Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Leader Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

People **Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Leader Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

People **And I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

*(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)*

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out  
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD  
It shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down  
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace  
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD  
We shall make a name for the LORD  
Let the Light make a name for the LORD  
In the dark*

## Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834 Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

## **Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7**

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we are thirsty. We confess that we have turned away from the streams of grace you offer to us. Instead we build fountains with our own hands, fountains which cannot really satisfy.

We confess that we have been slow to pray and easily distracted. We quickly embrace our own plans and agendas, while forsaking your Kingdom. We look to our own strength, power, wit and ability instead of looking to you. We act like we only need a little bit of your grace - as if we were not entirely dependent upon your gospel.

We pray that you refresh us again with the living water that Christ offers. Help us, by the Holy Spirit, to see the great resources we have in Jesus. Help us to see that he was crushed for our sin and that we are free and accepted in him. Help us to drink the streams of living water that flow from our crucified savior. Help us to live in the power of our Risen Lord. Help us to remember that we are not alone and that we were bought with a price to live for you. Glorify yourself by quenching our thirst in Christ.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 1:18**

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

## **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).*

## Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2019)*

Come to the mountain of the LORD  
A home for the nations  
Come to the hill above all hills  
Greater than kingdoms  
People from all the earth will flow  
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.  
Come let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Let us go up to meet with God  
And follow his pathway  
Let the LORD teach us in the word  
That goes out from Zion  
The Law of the LORD will be the light  
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the LORD  
And look for his justice  
Bring to our God your love for war  
Replace it with mercy  
Nations will lay their weapons down  
And take up forgiveness

## 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: Matthew 11: 28 - 12:21

### The Gospel of Matthew Part 3: "Christ and His Kingdom" "Lord of the Sabbath"

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- Reverend Matt Koerber

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

<sup>12:1</sup>At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup>But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” <sup>3</sup>He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup>how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? <sup>5</sup>Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? <sup>6</sup>I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup>And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup>For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

<sup>9</sup>He went on from there and entered their synagogue. <sup>10</sup>And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? <sup>12</sup>Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” <sup>13</sup>Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched

it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. <sup>14</sup>But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

<sup>15</sup>Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all <sup>16</sup>and ordered them not to make him known. <sup>17</sup>This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>18</sup>“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,  
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.

I will put my Spirit upon him,  
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup>He will not quarrel or cry aloud,  
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;

<sup>20</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,  
until he brings justice to victory;

<sup>21</sup> and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Luke 4:16-19/ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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# Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

## Q. 21. Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only redeemer of God's chosen ones is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man in two wholly distinct natures and one person, forever.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

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

### For All the Saints

*(Words: William W. How 1864 Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

For all the saints,  
Who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith  
Before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus,  
Be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock,  
Their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain  
In the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness  
Drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

O blest communion,  
Fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle,  
They in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in  
Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

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The golden evening  
brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful  
warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm  
of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks  
a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant  
rise in bright array;  
The King of glory  
passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl  
streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

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

## Life Together

<p><b>Evening Service OUTDOORS</b> THIS Sunday, August 22nd @ 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></p>
<p><b>Part-Time Positions at City Reformed</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b> oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week.</li> <li>• <b>Bookkeeper</b> - 15 hours a week!</li> </ul> <p>Job descriptions are found at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/employment.html">cityreformed.org/employment.html</a></p>
<p><b>Women's Informal Gathering</b> Friday, August 27 @7:30-9:30PM</p>	<p><b>Outdoor Movie Night at Becki Toney's Home</b> Come watch a movie on the big screen on Becki's lawn! <b>Contact <a href="mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org">Katelyn@cityreformed.org</a>.</b></p>
<p><b>Agora Forum</b> Mon 8/23/21 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>We will continue our series on apologetics, focusing on apologetics against "spiritual but not religious". Alex Main will lead the discussion. Contact Alex (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>).</p>
<p><b>Women's Discipleship Committee informational Meeting</b> Monday, August 23 @7PM</p>	<p>This informational gathering is for women interested in learning more about the role of a mentor and the mentor program. Contact <a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a> for more info and to RSVP.</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 <a href="mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org">mdc@cityreformed.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Nursery has NEW rooms!</b> Sundays 9AM</p>	<p><i>INFANT Nursery (0-23 months) will be upstairs in Room 112 &amp; TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) will be upstairs in Room 114. Please continue to preregister: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>.</i></p>
<p><b>Nursery Disciplers NEEDED!</b></p>	<p><i>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>. Clearances required.</i> <b>Contact <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a></b></p>
<p><b>Welcome Picnic</b> Sunday, August 26th Location: TBD</p>	<p>Join us for lunch after church to celebrate a new school year!</p>

<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: 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>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 <a href="mailto:Deacons@cityreformed.org">Deacons@cityreformed.org</a> .

**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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