



Sunday Morning Worship
August 9, 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

The proper rewards are not simply tacked on to the activity for which they are given, but are the activity itself in consummation.

- C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory"

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
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Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – August 9, 2020
Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 16:1-2, 5-6, 9-11a

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

Leader Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."....**

Leader The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance....**

Leader Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

People **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy....**

Prayer of Invocation

Joyful Joyful We Adore You

(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907; Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824; Music & Lyrics Adapted: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You
Op'ning to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

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All Your works with joy surround You
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays
Stars and angels sing around You
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally

You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean-depth of happy rest
Loving Father, Christ our Brother
May Your Spirit in us shine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus
With the morning stars begin
God's own love is reigning o'er us
Humble love binds all in Him
Christ we echo ever singing
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music we are bringing
In the triumph song of life

Psalm 16 | Faces of the Saints

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2019)

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge
I have no good without your daily presence
You are my hope my portion and my substance
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me
And In the night my heart proclaims your counsel
When you are near then I will not be shaken
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer
I will not follow in their greedy worship
No other name but yours is my devotion
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess that we are far too easily pleased. We content ourselves with momentary pleasures when you offer us eternal joy. We fool around with things you forbid and we misuse your good gifts. We ask that you lift our eyes to desire something greater. May we long to be with Christ and to be more like him. Cause us to desire your glory and the all surpassing greatness of eternal life. Renew our desires and may our restless hearts rest in you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison....

Membership Vows: Amy Schartner

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).*

Eternal Weight of Glory

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2013)

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suff'ring seem so long
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song

Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak
But our hope is set on Jesus
And we cling to him our strength

*For behold I tell a myst'ry
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of Grace*

*Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried How long
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory
Oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time

All our pains will be transfigured
Like the scars of Christ our Lord
We will see the weight of glory
And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior
We'll behold him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 10:34-11:1

"Reward and Sacrifice" - Reverend Matt Koerber

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

^{11:1}When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Genesis 15:1 / After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

Acts 9:15-16 / But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

2 Timothy 3:12 / Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted....

Hebrews 11:6 / And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Scriptural Response: Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue

O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure
With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

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Hosanna

(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, & M. Sidney 2010)

Hosanna, in the highest
Let our King be lifted up
Hosanna

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.

"Open" Evening Services Next Sunday 8/16 5-5:30PM & 6-6:30PM Winchester Thurston Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213	Brief outdoor, socially distanced, in-person service will be held twice, with communion (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• *** BRING YOUR MASKS *** The service will be held outside with a mandatory mask policy for everyone over two years old.• Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on.• More specifics to follow this week. Morning livestream service continues indefinitely.
Attending AM "In-Person"	Sign up by contacting Sol (sol@cityreformed.org).
Agora Forum Mon 8/10 @ 7PM	We will hold an in-person, outdoor meeting in the field across from the Snoke's house—NOT a Zoom meeting. Contact Kathryn (klclaudy@gmail.com).
Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM tinyurl.com/CRPCpray	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 .
Women's Choice Network Baby Shower Sat 8/15 @ 10am - 12pm Bacon's Backyard	WCN is collecting new and nearly new items for children newborn to size 6 for their new resale shop. Join us for a baby shower to collect donations and pray for the ministry. Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com) for more information
Children's Ministry Event: Family Summer Fun Picnic Sat 8/22 @11AM-1PM Oval Shelter, Schenley Park	Outdoor socially distanced BYOPicnic with kids' activities and Kona Ice Truck! Picnic GUIDELINES on cityreformed.org/events - <u>20 spaces open!</u> You MUST RSVP to Charis@cityreformed.org .

<p>Sending The Fishers to North Africa</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik Melchior (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p>Make Connections via Online Media</p>	<p>As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).
<p>Pastoral Devotionals <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCPastorJoseph</i></p>	<p>Join Pastor Joseph online for encouragement while we are in our homes and away from each other.</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

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

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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.
