



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**September 12, 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 our Christian homes are open, we make transparent to a watching world what Christ is doing with our bodies, our families, and our world.

- Rosaria Butterfield, "The Gospel Comes with a House Key."

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM Starting THIS WEEK Sept 12  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

5:30PM

### Church Office

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# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – September 12, 2021

Presider: Pastor Nameun Cho

## Call to Worship: Ephesians 3:14-21

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

Leader For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

People **So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—**

Leader That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

People **That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Leader Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

People **To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Rising Sun**

*(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)*

Praise Him all you sinners  
Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory  
Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning You shine forever  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise His Name forever  
Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 40:12-14, 25-26

## **Behold Our God**

*(Words & Music : Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

## **Hosanna**

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

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

## **Call to Confession: Colossians 3:6-9**

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Father, we confess that we have alienated ourselves from you, and we have alienated ourselves from each other. We find it easier to cut ourselves off from people than to hear disagreements, to be concerned about their needs, and to consider that they are equal in importance to ourselves. We put distance between ourselves and you because we raise ourselves up in our own eyes.**

**Father, draw us closer to you, for we cannot care for others until you have filled our hearts in abundance overflowing. Jesus, teach us your Gospel once again, that we may not fear to come near to you. Spirit, fill us this day with your love and the knowledge of your grace toward us**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:13-14**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

## **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).*

## Joy and Toil

*(Words and Music: Daniel Snoke & Michael Savisky 2017)*

Let us not toil unto our own good  
But give us righteousness and thankful work  
Remove the mess within us,  
Restore your wisdom to us  
Let none be driven into deep despair.  
Consider God, the works of God.

*Return the joy to us in all our toil  
May our work be your delight  
Return the joy to us in all our toil  
Let our days be made aright*

Let not our eyes contend for riches  
But give us just reward and charity  
When all our work is weary  
When we can't see your beauty  
Help us remember God's hand will endure  
Consider God, the works of God.

Our labor keep away from evil  
Forgive our discontent and selfish pride  
Now make our prayers humble  
And keep our conscience able  
For God's commandments will our work renew  
Consider God, the works of God.

## 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 12:43-50

### The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom "A Full House"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

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**W**hen the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. <sup>44</sup>Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup>Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

<sup>46</sup>While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. <sup>48</sup>But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup>And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" <sup>50</sup>For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Scriptural Response: Eph 2:18-22

For through [Christ] we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)*

May you keep your actions noble  
May your neighbors see your love  
When they speak about your failure  
May they see your deeds and give God glory

*For you, you have been chosen  
to be God's holy people  
That he builds into his house like living stones  
Full of the Spirit*

*And you, you have been chosen  
to be God's holy people  
That he builds into his house like living stones  
Full of the Spirit of peace*

If you've seen that God is precious  
If you've tasted that he's good  
If you struggle with your passion  
Come to rest your soul as God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected  
Come to him and give your life  
Put away your sin and slander  
Come to Christ the Living Stone of Zion

His mercy calls you  
From darkness into his glory  
The day of the Lord will come

## **We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

*(Sandra McCracken 2015)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

# Upcoming Events

<p><b>Evening Service</b>          Sunday, 9/12 @ 5:30PM          3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>Weekly indoor evening services resume TONIGHT          All indoor worship services will be masked.</p>
<p><b>Youth Group Launch!</b>          Sunday, 9/19 @ 12:30-2:30          3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>High School and Middle School Youth Group will start bi-weekly lunches on Sept. 19th. All middle school and high school students are welcome to come for food and fellowship!  <b>Adult Volunteers needed</b>          contact <a href="mailto:Zachary@cityreformed.org">Zachary@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Membership Class</b>          Friday 9/24 @ 7-9:30 PM &amp;          Saturday 9/25 @ 9-1PM</p>	<p>Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: <a href="https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/987408">https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/987408</a>          Contact <a href="mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org">Nameun@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Welcome Picnic</b>          Sunday, September 26th          Location: WT Parking Lot</p>	<p>Join us for lunch after our morning service to celebrate a new school year!          Food will be provided. Please bring a camp chair.</p>
<p><b>Discipler Training!</b>          Sunday 9/19, In-person, WT Cafeteria, 9-10 AM OR          9/21, Virtual Training 8-9 PM</p>	<p>If you serve in Nursery, Children's Church, or will be serving in Sunday School, please mark your calendars and attend 1 of 2 mandatory trainings. Please contact Becki if you are unable to attend either training.</p>
<p><b>Women's Ministry Brunch</b>          Saturday 9/18 @ 10AM-noon          3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>Come join us for brunch and to hear Sandy Snoke share about "Hope for the Journey" based on 1 Thessalonians.  <b>Please RSVP at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/crpcbrunch21">tinyurl.com/crpcbrunch21</a></b></p>
<p><b>Women's Informal Gathering:</b>          Wednesday, 9/15 @7:30p          Churn Homemade Ice Cream          (2000 E Carson St)</p>	<p>Join us for some really good south side ice cream and an optional walk on the south side riverfront trail!</p>

# Volunteer and Employment Needs

<p><b>Sunday School Disciplers NEEDED!</b></p>	<p>If you would like to serve in Sunday School in the Fall, please contact <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a>          Teachers, Co-Teachers, and Subs needed          Clearances required.</p>
<p><b>Part-Time Positions</b>  <a href="http://cityreformed.org/employment.html">cityreformed.org/employment.html</a></p>	<p><b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b> oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week.</p>

## Regular Events

<b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM	Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpglobalprayer</a> Contact <a href="mailto:zachary@cityreformed.org">zachary@cityreformed.org</a> for questions
<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> )

## Groups

<b>College Students</b> please refer to campus ministry contacts below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (<a href="mailto:ncho@ccojubilee.org">ncho@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li><li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (<a href="mailto:kspallinger@ccojubilee.org">kspallinger@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li><li>• RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (<a href="mailto:dbates@ruf.org">dbates@ruf.org</a>), Callie Miller (<a href="mailto:callie.miller@ruf.org">callie.miller@ruf.org</a>)</li><li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents">cityreformed.org/collegestudents</a></li></ul>
<b>Community Groups</b> 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 ( <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a> ) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/community-groups">cityreformed.org/community-groups</a></li></ul>
<b>Specialty Groups</b> meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups">cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups</a></li></ul>

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