



Sunday Morning Worship
September 13, 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

Good theology should lead to good doxology [worship].

- Dr. Walter Kaiser

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [SIGN-UPS & LIVESTREAM]

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Winchester Thurston
5059 Ellsworth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 9/13 | 5 PM & 6 PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

Call to Worship: Romans 12:1-2, 11:33-36

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

Leader I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect....**

Leader Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People **"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"**

Leader "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

People **To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680; Translator: Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: Anonymous 1665)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration. _____

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Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

*Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.

*Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.*

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.

*Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

Jesus I Come

(Words: William Sleeper 1887; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light
Jesus, I come to Thee,
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Call to Confession: Galatians 2:19-20a

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.
I have been crucified with Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we like to pretend that we are in control. In our pride we highlight our strengths and hide our weaknesses. You promise to empower us and to put your glory in our lives, but we limp along in our own strength—worn and in need of rest. Help us to live in dependence on you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit. Keep our eyes always on the cross where we see your power displayed in the weakness of Christ. Give us confidence to rest in Christ. Help us to bring our burdens to you and to trust that you are able to do abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 2:20b

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. _____

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).*

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!

You will reign forever! (2x)
You will reign forever! (2x)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 10:11-25

Core Values in Hebrews Part 1B

"Hold Fast Our Confession: Theology and the Christian Life"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of

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some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Titus 3:4-7 / But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Additional Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

- Q. 23. What offices does Christ carry out as our redeemer?
- A. Christ, as our redeemer, carries the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his state of *humiliation* and his state of *exaltation*.
- Q. 27. What did Christ's humiliation consist of?
- A. Christ's humiliation consisted of his being born in a low condition, living under the Law, undergoing the miseries of this life, undergoing the wrath of God and the cursed death of the Cross, and in being buried and continuing under the power of death for a time.
- Q. 28. What does Christ's exaltation consist of?
- A. Christ's exaltation consists of his rising again from the dead on the third day, ascending to heaven, sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and coming to judge the world on the last day.
- Q. 32. What benefits do those who are effectually called partake of in this life?
- A. Those who are effectually called partake in this life of *justification*, *adoption* and *sanctification*, and the various benefits which either accompany or flow from them in this life.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

- Q 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?
- A. **We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.**
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Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Before the Throne of God Above

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook 1997)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2x)

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

(Words & Music: Keith Green)

Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

Oh Lord, You're merciful
Your love is all we need
And when Your love is with your church
Forgiveness we receive.

Oh Lord You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
And when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

Before the Throne of God Above

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook 1997)

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2x)


Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Youth Fall Kick-Off Social TODAY @ 2:30-4:30 PM <i>Bartlett Shelter</i></p>	<p>All middle school & high school age youth are invited to Schenley Park today. Contact becki@cityreformed.org (MS), ben@cityreformed.org (HS).</p>
<p>Open Evening Services TONIGHT 9/13 @ 5 & 6 PM WT Parking Lot <i>5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</i></p> 	<p>Outdoor, socially distanced, in-person with communion served both times. Please review instructions for attending: cityreformed.org/open-service. If able to attend either, last names A-J attend 5PM & K-Z the 6PM. ** BRING MASKS ** Mandatory mask policy for over 2 yrs old. Bring your own seating. Check in on your Church Center app. Scan the QR code to the left for the Church Center app if you haven't already downloaded it!</p>
<p>Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15 AM <i>WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</i></p>	<p>There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up! Sign up through Planning Center Services, for help with signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org. Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Membership Class THIS Fri 9/18 @ 7-9:30PM <i>Pastor Matt's Backyard & Sat 9/19 @ 9-1PM Zoom</i></p>	<p>If you'd like to learn more about the church or become a member, please join us for our next class! Contact Pastor Nameun@cityreformed.org. RSVP here: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events.</p>

<p>Adult Christian Education Zoom Webinar Sat 9/26 @ 10AM</p>	<p>"Plugged In" by Daniel Strange challenges us to engage more effectively with the secular culture in which we live. Books available for purchase in the foyer and at tonight's services. Contact Seulgi (seulgi.byun@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Welcome Picnic! Sun 9/27 @ 12:30-2PM <i>Bartlett Shelter, Schenley Park</i></p>	<p>Newcomers encouraged to attend! Pre-packaged lunch provided, BYO Picnic blanket! Limit of 100 per picnic, RSVP on your Church Center App OR online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Open Evening Installation & Communion Services Sun 9/27 @ 5 & 6 PM WT Parking Lot <i>5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</i></p>	<p>Pastor Joseph will be installed as Associate Pastor outdoors, socially distanced, in-person, with communion (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/open-service.</p>
<p>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!</p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT. PARENTS, if you need a babysitter or a parent helper, contact Becki (becki@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN, interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Women's Ministry Council Survey Please submit by Fri 9/18</p>	<p>WOMEN, please fill out: tinyurl.com/surveyWMC. Please help us identify ways to encourage spiritual growth, community, and opportunities for involvement. Contact wmc@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Agora Forum Mon 9/14 @ 7PM <i>Outdoor field across from the Snake's OR Zoom</i></p>	<p>Uniquely American experiences in economics & wealth: a quick history of events & influencers. In-person or tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora. Contact Kathryn: klclaudy@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Morningside CG Picnic Tues 9/15</p>	<p>Come and fellowship! Contact Jeff (jeffreypwinkler@gmail.com).</p>
<p>East Suburban OPEN CG Wed 9/16 @ 6:30 PM <i>Townsend Park Upper Pavilion, 130 Townsend Park Ct, Murrysville 15668</i></p>	<p>We would love to have any other "Eastern" folks join us, if only for the night to get to know each other. Working through the Gospel of Luke, and praying for each other, our families, and the church. Contact Joe (joestehle@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Greenfield & North Hills CGs: Outdoor Adventure Picnic Sun 9/20 @ 1:30 PM <i>McConnel's Mill State Park</i></p>	<p>Bring your own picnic lunch, hike and other optional activities. Greenfield CG will be studying Pilgrim's Progress this fall during our regular meetings. Contact Greenfield - Matt (pastormatt@cityreformed.org); North Hills - David (bacon1986@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Parenting Seminar 2021 Fri 2/5 Evening & Sat 2/6 Morning SAVE-THE-DATE!</p>	<p>Guest speaker: Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation. Visit tinyurl.com/JulieLowe to learn more about her. Contact charis@cityreformed.org.</p>

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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.
