



Sunday Morning Worship
September 6, 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 next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

- Gospel of John 1:29

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [SIGN-UPS & LIVESTREAM]

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 9/13 / 5 PM & 6 PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
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Donations

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"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Hebrews 1:1-3

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

Leader Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

People **Whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.**

Leader He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

People **After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high....**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

Every mouth that cries for food,
Every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,
King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made,
God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

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Every tree that thirsts for rain,
Every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'nings of my heart,
And the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise:
To the God who made all things,
To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your word has said
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more

Call to Confession: Romans 3:22b-25a

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess our willful disobedience and stubborn sin.
Like sheep we have gone astray.

We look to Jesus our Lord and savior. He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Like a lamb, he was led to the slaughter. He was pierced for our transgressions, and upon him was laid the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, he poured out his soul to death, and he was cut off from the land of the living. He bore the sins of many.

Help us to experience the peace that he has brought to us,
and bring healing through his wounds. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Membership Vows: Stephen Imhoff

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).

Psalm 51 | God Be Merciful To Me

(Words: Richard Redhead 1912; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

God, be merciful to me, On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just. Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 10:1-25

Core Values in Hebrews Part 1A

"Hold Fast to Our Confession (Atonement)" - Reverend Matt Koerber

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹And 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

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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 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

Luke 24:26-27 / Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

1 Corinthians 5:7b / For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Jude 1:3 / Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Scriptural Response: 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Words: Isaac Watts 1707; Music: Lowell Mason 1824)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

"Open" Evening Services NEXT Sun 9/13 @ 5 & 6 PM WT Parking Lot, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213
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Outdoor , socially distanced, in-person service held twice, with communion (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/open-service .

Morning Service Increased "In-Person" Attendance Sundays @ 10:15 AM <i>Winchester Thurston</i> 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213	There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up! Sign up through Planning Center Services - My Schedule - Signup Sheets - Morning Service. For help with signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org. Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.
Welcome Picnics! NEXT Sun 9/13 & 9/27 12:30-2PM Bartlett Shelter, Schenley Park	Newcomers encouraged to attend! Pre-packaged lunch provided, BYO Picnic blanket! Limit of 100 per picnic, <i>RSVP for the 9/13 picnic by Wednesday 9/9: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events.</i> Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org.
Membership Class Fri 9/18 @ 7-9:30PM & Sat 9/19 @ 9-1PM	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: <i>crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events.</i>
Men's Discipleship Committee	MEN, interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).
Women's Ministry Council Survey Please submit by Fri 9/18	WOMEN, please fill out: <i>tinyurl.com/surveyWMC</i> . Please help us identify ways to encourage spiritual growth, community, and opportunities for involvement.
Agora Forum Mon 9/14 @ 7PM <i>Outdoor field across from the Snone's OR Zoom</i>	"Uniquely American experiences in economics & wealth: a quick history of events & influencers who got us to where we are today." In-person or <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</i> . Contact Kathryn: klcclaudy@gmail.com.
Morningside CG Picnic Tues 9/15	Come and fellowship. More details to come! Contact Jeff (jeffreypwinkler@gmail.com).
East Suburban OPEN CG Wed 9/16 @ 6:30 PM <i>Townsend Park Upper Pavilion, 130 Townsend Park Ct, Murrysville 15668</i>	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).
Greenfield CG: Outdoor Adventure Picnic Sun 9/20 @ 1:30 PM <i>McConnel's Mill State Park</i>	Bring your own picnic lunch, followed by a hike and other optional activities. Contact Matt (pastormatt@cityreformed.org). Greenfield CG will be studying Pilgrim's Progress this fall during our regular meetings.
Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM <i>tinyurl.com/prayCRPC</i>	Note NEW LINK. Join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Send prayer requests to prayer@cityreformed.org .
Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!	VOLUNTEERS, complete: <i>tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT</i> . PARENTS, if you have need of a babysitter or a parent helper, please contact Becki (becki@cityreformed.org).
Parenting Seminar 2021 Fri 2/5 Evening & Sat 2/6 Morning SAVE-THE-DATE!	Guest speaker: Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation (CCEF). Visit tinyurl.com/JulieLowe to learn more about her, read her articles, and view her books. Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.

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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: _____

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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.
