



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**October 25, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

Growth in *faith* is the root of all spiritual growth and is prior to all disciplines of works. True spirituality is not a superhuman religiosity; it is simply true humanity released from bondage to sin and renewed by the Holy Spirit. This is given to us as we grasp by faith the full content of Christ's redemptive work.

- Richard Lovelace, "Dynamics of Spiritual Life"

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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

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### Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 10/25 | 5PM & 6PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot

5059 Ellsworth Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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### Donations

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# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

## Call to Worship: 2 Corinthians 5:6-9, 14-15

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

Leader So we are always of good courage.

People **We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

Leader Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

People **So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him...**

Leader For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

People **And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### What a Beautiful Name

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood; Alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoko 2017)*

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in you our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is, What a beautiful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is, Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is, The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness  
And darkness has not overcome  
Grace and truth have come through Jesus  
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is, What a wonderful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is, Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is, The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and shame  
The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is, What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is, Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is, The name of Jesus*

## **Rock of Ages**

*(Words: Augustus Toplady 1776; Music: Thomas Hastings 1853)*

Rock of Ages cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee  
Let the water and the blood From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands  
Could my zeal no respite know Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath  
When mine eyes shall close in death  
When I soar to worlds unknown See thee on thy judgment throne  
Rock of Ages cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee

## **Call to Confession: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-21**

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, we thank you that we can come to you empty-handed, knowing that by your grace in Jesus Christ we can be wholly accepted and good in your sight, not by any merit of our own, but by the merit of his life in us. Grant that we may be ever more transformed to your image, to live our lives in obedience to your calling, and to love others as you have loved us. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17-19**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**Baptism:** Grace Kristina Westman,  
daughter of Eric & Hannah Westman

### **Question to the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## **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).

## Psalm 130 | From Depths of Woe

(Words: Martin Luther 1524; Music: Christopher Minor 1997)

From the depths of woe I raise to thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
Oh who shall stand before thee? *(echo) 2x*

To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas, are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in thy sight  
All must alike confess thy might  
And live alone by mercy *(echo) 2x*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On him my soul shall rest, his word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort, and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience *(echo) 2x*

What though I wait the livelong night  
And 'til the dawn appeareth;  
My heart still trusteth in his might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus oh ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed  
And wait 'til God appeareth *(echo) 2x*

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our utmost need it soundeth. \_\_\_\_\_

Our shepherd good and true is he,  
Who will at last his Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow (*echo*) 2x

## Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon: Hebrews 11:1-7

#### Journey by Faith to the City of God: "(not) Seeing and Believing"

\_\_\_\_\_ - Reverend Matt Koerber

*10:35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup>For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised... <sup>39</sup>But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*

**N**ow faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

<sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>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.

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<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

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**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

1 Peter 5:6-7, 10 / Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you... And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

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## Scriptural Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the Gospel.**

## Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

### All Things New

*(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; Music: Clint Wells 2009)*

Come Lord and tarry not  
Bring the long-looked-for day  
O why these years of waiting here  
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait  
Daily ascends their sigh  
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"  
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new  
Come and make all things new  
Come and make all things new  
Build up this broken earth  
Come and make all things new  
All things new*

Come for creation groans  
Impatient while you stay  
Worn out in labor pains of hope  
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold  
Its steps are faint and slow  
Our faith is pressed by unbelief  
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

## **It Is Well With My Soul**

*(Words: Horatio G. Spafford 1873; Music: Philip P. Bliss 1876)*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea-billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well with my soul  
It is well, it is well with my soul!*

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul!

# Prayer

# Announcements

# Benediction

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

# Life Together

<p><b>Rose</b></p>	<p>Celebrate Craig &amp; Mindy Kozminski's daughter, Kyle Helen, born on October 16th, and Jonathan &amp; Rebecca Heins' daughter, Norah Mercy, born on October 22nd.</p>
<p><b>Attend Morning Service "In-Person"</b> Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up! Sign up on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact Sol (<a href="mailto:sol@cityreformed.org">sol@cityreformed.org</a>). Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Evening Services</b> TONIGHT @ 5 &amp; 6 PM WT Parking Lot, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p><b>Outdoor</b>, socially distanced, <b>in-person</b> service held twice, with <b>communion</b> (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/open-service">cityreformed.org/open-service</a>.</p> <p>A few reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If able to attend either, last names <b>A-J attend 5PM &amp; K-Z the 6PM</b>.</li> <li>• <b>** BRING MASKS **</b> Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 yrs old.</li> <li>• Bring your own <b>seating</b>.</li> <li>• Check in on your <b>Church Center app</b> (go to <b>Check-In</b>), or we will check you in when you arrive. Scan the QR code to download the Church Center app.</li> <li>• Continue all <b>CDC recommended behavior</b> (sanitize hands, cough into your sleeve, avoid handshakes/hugs, etc.), maintain social distance by remaining 6 ft apart from the nearest person who is not part of your household group.</li> <li>• If you would like to <b>access the building for restrooms</b>, Winchester Thurston requires self-assessment screening. Submit this form: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/WTSscreening">tinyurl.com/WTSscreening</a> before entering the building - one form per Sunday per household.</li> </ul> </div>	
<p><b>Children's Ministry: Family Fun Harvest Party</b> THIS Sat 10/31 @ 10AM - 1PM Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Barn &amp; Auditorium 614 Dorseyville Rd, 15238</p>	<p>Bring your family out to enjoy time with friends and fall festivities in this beautiful setting. In order to increase the number of sign ups, you <b>MUST</b> choose <b>ONE</b> of the time slots to attend: <b>10-11:30AM</b> or <b>11:30AM-1PM</b> (up to 50 people per time slot!) by contacting Charis( <a href="mailto:charis@cityreformed.org">charis@cityreformed.org</a>). <i>Please sign up by Friday 10/30.</i></p>
<p><b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> NEXT Sun 11/1</p>	<p>Reminder to Fall Back one hour THIS Saturday evening 10/31.</p>
<p><b>Building Work Day</b> Sat 11/14 @ 9AM - 3PM 3929 Coleman St, 15207</p>	<p>We will be laying carpet, drywall sanding, and organizing the basement. Sign up ahead of time by contacting Gary (<a href="mailto:building@cityreformed.org">building@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>

<p><b>Agora Forum</b>  Mon 10/26 @ 7PM  3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>In-person or Zoom: <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora">tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</a>. Contact Kathryn (klclaudy@gmail.com).</p>
<p><b>Parenting Seminar by Julie Lowe, <i>Child Proof: Parenting by Faith, Not Formula</i></b>  Fri 2/5 @ 7 - 9PM &amp;  Sat 2/6 @ 9AM - 12PM  WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling &amp; Educational Foundation. Register on your Church Center App (go to Events) or: <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/childproof2021">tinyurl.com/childproof2021</a>. \$15/person ~ Early Bird Discount: \$10/person until 11/30! Julie will teach on how to know, love, and disciple our children using biblical principles and practical wisdom. Contact Charis (charis@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p><b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service</b>  Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM  Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons (deacons@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p><b>Adult Class: Introduction to Christianity</b>  TODAY, 15 min after service  WT Dining Hall</p>	<p>In-person class taught by Dr. David Snoke; bring a lunch. Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="https://www.crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact David (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p><b>Hiring CRPC Staff Position: Director of Sound &amp; Design</b></p>	<p>CRPC is looking to hire a part-time staff to oversee our A/V and web needs. Contact Daniel (dsnoke@ccjubilee.org) or Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p><b>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve &amp; Connect with Our Church Families!</b></p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT">tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT</a>. PARENTS, Becki is away until 11/2 and will connect babysitters with families upon returning.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM</b>  <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/prayCRPC">tinyurl.com/prayCRPC</a></p>	<p>Join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Please send prayer requests to <a href="mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org">prayer@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Men's Discipleship Committee</b></p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).</p>
<p><b>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</b></p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p><b>Day of Fasting and Prayer</b>  Sat 11/21 - Sun 11/22</p>	<p>The elders of City Reformed ask our congregation to join us after dinner on Saturday until dinner on Sunday. Those who are able to join us for the communion service Sunday night will essentially break their fast with the Lord's Supper. See Pastor Matt's Note online: <a href="https://www.cityreformed.org/covid19">cityreformed.org/covid19</a>.</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](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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