



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**November 15, 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

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.

- Abraham Lincoln

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: Psalm 68:1-4, 19-20

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

Leader God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

People **As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

Leader But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! ...**

Leader Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

People **Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Your Grace Is Enough

*(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2003)*

Great is Your faithfulness O God of Jacob  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
Where nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God*

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*For Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

## **May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

*(Words: Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoke 2018)*

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do, all I say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour' to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his love and pow'r  
Only through his love and pow'r.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self removing,  
This is my victory.  
May the peace of God, my father,  
Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be quick to comfort  
All the sick and sorrowing,  
All the sick and sorrowing.

May his beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing him, only him.  
May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward with him go,  
As I onward with him go.

## **Call to Confession: James 4:6-7a**

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, we have heard your voice speaking to us many times in your word. We have seen the greatness of your rescuing us and protecting us in Christ. But we confess that we have not always taken to heart your truth and your love. In our hearts we have questioned your ways and have many times chosen to go our own way. We have responded to your care with faithlessness and disobedience. We have scorned the promise of your shepherding hand. Make us a people who respond to you with trust. Make us a people whose hearts remain close to you and who walk in loving obedience to you. Do these things by the power of your Holy Spirit working in us, and lead us as our shepherd. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:9-10**

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

## **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).*

## How Firm a Foundation

*(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Melody: American Folk)*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow,  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply,  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,  
I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: Hebrews 11:23-38

### Journey by Faith to the City of God: "Allied with God"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**B**y faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two,

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they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Genesis 12:1, 3a / Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you... I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse..."

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Exodus 3:7-8a / Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey..."

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Acts 9:4 / And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

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Romans 12:14-19 / Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

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Philippians 4:11-13 / Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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## Scriptural Response: Matthew 28:18-20

**And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

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# Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

## Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

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# Salvation Belongs To Our God

(Words & Music: Adrian Howard & Pat Turner 1985)

Salvation belongs to our God  
Who sits upon the throne  
And unto the Lamb  
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks  
Honor and power and strength

*Be to our God forever and ever  
Be to our God forever and ever  
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen*

And we the redeemed shall be strong  
In purpose and unity  
Declaring aloud  
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks  
Honor and power and strength

## Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction

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

## Life Together

<p><b>Adult CE Webinar by Carl Trueman on "City of God"</b> Sat 11/21 @ 10 - 11:30AM <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CECityofGod">tinyurl.com/CECityofGod</a></p>	<p>Read Books 19-22 of <i>The City of God</i> by Augustine, the last section (~120 pages). How Christians should live in this world with an eye to the eternal city. Contact <a href="mailto:Seulgi.byun@gmail.com">Seulgi.byun@gmail.com</a>. Zoom webinar link: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CECityofGod">tinyurl.com/CECityofGod</a></p>
<p><b>Day of Fasting and Prayer</b> Sat 11/21 After Dinner Until Dinner Sun 11/22</p>	<p>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="http://cityreformed.org/covid19">cityreformed.org/covid19</a>.</p>
<p><b>Attend Morning Service "In-Person"</b> Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact <a href="mailto:Sol@cityreformed.org">Sol@cityreformed.org</a>. Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>

<p><b>Open Evening Communion Services</b> INDOORS  Sun 11/22 @ 5 &amp; 6PM  WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p> <p><b>Church Center App:</b></p> 	<p><b>In-person</b> service held twice, with <b>communion</b> served both times. Review instructions for attending at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/evening-service">cityreformed.org/evening-service</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>** BRING MASKS **</b> <i>Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 yrs old.</i></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.</li> <li>• <b>WT requires health screening</b> before entering the building. Each Sunday you attend (not earlier), submit this form: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/WTScreening">tinyurl.com/WTScreening</a> (one form per Sunday per household).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parenting Seminar by Julie Lowe, Child Proof: Parenting by Faith, Not Formula</b>  Fri 2/5 @ 7 - 9PM &amp;  Sat 2/6 @ 9AM - 12PM  WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p> <p>Early Bird Discount until 11/30</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="http://tinyurl.com/childproof2021">tinyurl.com/childproof2021</a>. \$15/person ~ <u>Early Bird Discount: \$10/person until 11/30!</u> Julie will teach on how to know, love, and disciple our children using biblical principles and practical wisdom. Contact 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@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="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact David (snoke@pitt.edu).</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>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve &amp; Connect with Our Church Families!</b></p>	<p><b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT">tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT</a>. Contact Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM</b>  <a href="http://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 prayer@cityreformed.org.</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>

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## Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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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