



Sunday Morning Worship
February 14, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

- Jesus of Nazareth (The Gospel of Matthew 20:25-26)

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Sunday Evening Communion Service

3929 Coleman St., 15207

SUNDAY 2/14 | 4PM, 5PM & 6PM

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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-8

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

Leader The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

People **For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Leader He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader Lift up your heads, O gates!

People **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader Who is this King of glory?

People **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Prayer of Invocation

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

(Words: John Newton 1774; Music: Laura Taylor 2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name,
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame,
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood (3x),
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations
Threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with his blood (3x),
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
You have washed us with your blood (3x),
You are worthy, Lamb of God

Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out
That goes out
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD
It shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers
Lay it down
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy
Led in peace
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD
We shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Call to Confession: Colossians 2:6-7

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.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess that our Christian life moves forward at a rough and uneven pace. We take hesitant steps forward and find that selfishness and sin easily entangle us. We are painfully aware of the steps we have taken backwards. We thank you that your grace is sufficient for our weakness. We ask that you would deepen our faith so that we would walk more faithfully in Christ. May we be rooted and built up in Christ. May he increase and may we decrease - in relative importance. Remind us of your abundant mercy and continual kindness. Help us to remain thankful. Above all we thank you for your mercy in Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Corporate Prayer

Songs 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 82 | The Hand of God

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign
So that you might stand for the weak
He made you judge so the fatherless
And the poor could rest in your strength
But you have left them in darkness
And the earth's foundations shake

*How long O Lord before your justice reigns
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

Hosanna

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: I Samuel 8:1-22

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"Concerning Human Kings"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ²The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹²And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of

his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

¹⁹But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²²And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Judges 21:25 / In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

2 Samuel 7:12-17 / When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Matthew 16:15-16 / He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Acts 4:19-20 / But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Romans 13:1-2 / Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

1 Peter 2:13-14 / Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

Revelation 19:16 / On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 26. How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

A. Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

(Words: Edward Perronet 1780; Music: Oliver Holden 1793)

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

<p>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD TONIGHT Sun 2/14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00PM • 5:00PM • 6:00PM <p>3929 Coleman St., 15207 Church Center  App</p>	<p>In-person service held three times INDOORS at GREENFIELD, with communion served all times. Review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations, to help us keep within capacity limits (45/service) and add additional services if needed. If you need assistance signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org - she'd be happy to sign you up! • Before attending, self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household. • Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old). • ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.***
<p>Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15AM <i>WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</i></p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. Contact Sol@cityreformed.org. ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Spring Adult CE: "Parapets, Pigs, & Psoriasis: Reading the OT Law Today" by Dr. Jay Sklar Sun 2/21 @ 7PM <i>Zoom Webinar</i> NEXT WEEK!!</p>	<p>We're offering three webinars designed to complement the church's 90-day reading plan, with the aim to address some of the biggest challenges when reading through the Bible, especially the narrative texts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Parapets, Pigs, & Psoriasis: Reading the OT Law Today" by Dr. Jay Sklar (Covenant Seminary, St. Louis) NEXT WEEK! • "Is God a Racist, Genocidal Megolamaniac?: Making Sense of the Conquest Narratives" by Dr. Seulgi Byun - <i>Sunday 3/7 @ 7PM</i> • "Luke 24, The Angel of YHWH, and Christophanies: Where is Jesus in the OT?" by Dr. Brad Bitner (Westminster Seminary, Escondido, CA) - <i>Saturday 3/20 @ 10AM</i> Contact Seulgi.byun@gmail.com.
<p>Redemption Hill Church will <i>particularize</i> Sunday evening, 2/14. That means that this church plant which has been supported by City Reformed will transition from being a church plant to being an established church in our Presbytery. Praise God!</p>	

<p>Membership Class Fri 2/19 @ 7-9:30PM & Sat 2/20 @ 9-1PM <i>Both In-Person & Virtual Options Available</i></p>	<p>Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. The Friday session will be IN-PERSON at the church office basement (3929 Coleman St., 15207) and VIRTUALLY over Zoom. The Saturday session will be VIRTUAL only. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>New Women's Zoom Call Next Sunday 2/21 @ 12:30PM Zoom link: tinyurl.com/CRPCwomen</p>	<p>A 'new' woman to City Reformed? We would love to get to see your face and meet you. Please consider joining some of our women leaders on a Zoom call following service Next Sunday.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>This is an opportunity for us do life and get to know each other, be of mutual encouragement to one another and to foster a sense of community. Contact Zenny@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>WCN Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign February</p>	<p>Fill our virtual baby bottle for Women's Choice Network! Donate online to support life giving work in our city: fundeasy.com/m/5090584 Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com).</p>
<p>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture Through Easter</p>	<p>Start the new year by reading and worshiping through a large section of the Biblical story of "redemptive history" together. Learn more on our website under "Resources" or cityreformed.org/90-days-through-scripture. Hardcopies of the Updated Outline and the February Worship Liturgy are available. If you'd like a hardcopy mailed, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>CRPC Congregational Meeting Sunday 3/14 @12:30PM After Morning Service Zoom</p>	<p>We postponed our meeting for 6 weeks past our normal meeting time. We plan to conduct our meeting online and will use the additional time to prepare and communicate about how that will work. We have several new elder/deacon/WMC candidates who will be presented to the congregation as we move closer to our meeting.</p>
<p>MTW Virtual Missions Conference Fri 2/19 & Sat 2/20 FREE mtw.org/vmc</p>	<p>Our world is in upheaval but the work of making disciples of Christ is ever before us. You'll hear stories from around the world, experience workshops that will challenge your views on missions, and catch a glimpse into the future as we anticipate how God will grow His kingdom through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our partners.</p>

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<p>Global Missions Prayer Survey: <i>bit.ly/35FHiXk</i></p>	<p>CRPC Missions Committee is hoping to begin a weekly 30 min Zoom prayer meeting. If you are interested, please complete this survey online: <i>bit.ly/35FHiXk</i>. For more info, contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws).</p>
<p>OPENING: Missions Committee</p>	<p>Any member of CRPC who has an interest in serving on the Missions Committee, please contact Jim@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Building Work Day Mini Saturday 3/13 @ 9AM-12PM Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM</p>	<p>We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. Sign-ups for social distancing are coming. Gary would also like 2 people March 13 for a mini-work day to get Daniel's office ready. Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>NEED: Sound Techs</p>	<p>The Sound Ministry is looking for more technicians to help operate sound at both the Sunday morning and evening worship services. Compensation is included per occurrence and prior experience is preferred. Contact Pat@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Youth Group Mondays @ 7-8PM Weekly on Mondays Zoom</p>	<p>Youth group will combine high school and middle school into one meeting, using content from the church's 90-day reading plan. Contact Ben@cityreformed.org or Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM Zoom</p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings as we discuss and pray through the Tuesday Daily Bible Reading from CRPC's <i>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture</i>. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Women's Virtual Bible Study: "Jude" Every Other Friday @ 7:45-9:15PM</p>	<p>"Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture" by Jackie Hill Perry. Every other Friday, starting 1/22. Contact Rachael (raleuen@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service 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>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.</p>

Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT . Contact Becki@cityreformed.org.
Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	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.
Make Connections via Online Media	As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

Community Groups 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 (joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to:

- cityreformed.org/community-groups

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kvanmeerbeke@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

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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.
