



Sunday Morning Worship
March 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Please speak to an usher or greeter if you have any questions about then nursery and

Reflections

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

- Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston School
Entrance: 5059 Ellsworth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)

Church Office (Open Tues - Fri)

3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM
3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Greenfield)

Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give
Mail: to the Church Office address above
"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to
City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3, 19-22

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

Leader Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

People **And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south...**

Leader Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

People **He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.**

Leader Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

People **And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!**

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 bought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought 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

Call to Confession: Luke 18:9-13

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we are far too often like the Pharisees who trusted in themselves that they were righteous. Your Word is the source of eternal life, so by this word, this parable, make our response like that of the tax collector, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Help us to humble ourselves before you, let us not lift our eyes too high. Forgive us and restore, that we may look upon the Son with full confidence. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 18:14

"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes and offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. While we are unable to receive your contributions in-person, please direct all giving to our website or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

"Love and Freedom" - Reverend Matt Koerber

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Creedal Response: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

O Come To The Altar

(Words & Music: Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Words & Music: Lowell Mason & Isaac Watts)

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.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Evening Service is CANCELED.

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

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

Please note CANCELLATIONS: Shuttle Service, Sunday School, Children's Church, Nursery, Fellowship Hour, Evening Service, Women's Retreat.	
Prayer	We would like to pray for you. We are re-activating prayer@cityreformed.org and all emails go directly to Pastor Joseph.
Diaconate Assistance Available	Deacons are ready and willing to help, particularly financial assistance for those missing work related to the Coronavirus. It can be awkward to ask for help, but it's generally better to do it sooner rather than waiting for a crisis. Contact Nik Melchior (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.
Lost & Found	If you have lost something, please contact one of the service coordinators (sol@cityreformed.org , katelyn@cityreformed.org , chriessie@cityreformed.org) and please refrain from contacting the Winchester Thurston School.
Church Work Day Sat 3/21 @ 9AM-1PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207	Come help out with VBS prep and other projects around the church building. Please let Gary know if you're coming. Contact Gary Atcheson (building@cityreformed.org).
Hosting PGH Presbytery Sat 4/4 @ 10:30AM-1:30PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207	CRPC is a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) nationally and the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the PCA locally. Next month we host our Presbytery's meeting for the first time in our existence! We will be providing a lunch for the presbyters in the midst of their 9AM-5PM meeting. Anyone with an interest in helping to serve this lunch and get a whiff of presbyterianism, please contact Elder Jim Partridge (partridge.je6@gmail.com) or Pastor John McCombs (john@cityreformed.org).
Serving Families of Children with Special Needs	If you are a family in need of assistance or a volunteer willing to serve and support for our children with special needs, contact our new Access and Family Care Assistant, Carey Judy, for more information (familycare@cityreformed.org).
Dwelling in Scripture Fri 3/27 - Sat 3/28	Biblical training for women at New Covenant PCA (Monroeville). \$50/person. dwellinginscripture.org .
Vacation Bible School Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26	9:30AM -12PM at Greenfield Chapel. Registration details coming soon!

<p>Good Friday [Fri 4/10]</p> <p>Tenebrae Service 7PM</p> <p><i>First Baptist Church</i> 159 N Bellefield Ave, 15213</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter [Sun 4/12]</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Sunrise Service 7:30AM</p> <p><i>Anderson Shelter,</i> <i>Schenley Park</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Breakfast 8:30AM</p> <p>Sunday School 9AM</p> <p>Worship 10:15AM</p> <p><i>Winchester Thurston</i> <i>School</i></p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Sunrise Service 7:30AM</p> <p><i>Anderson Shelter,</i> <i>Schenley Park</i></p>	<p>Breakfast 8:30AM</p> <p>Sunday School 9AM</p> <p>Worship 10:15AM</p> <p><i>Winchester Thurston</i> <i>School</i></p>
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Sunday Morning Ministry Teams are some of the best ways to form relationships, integrate into the life of the church, and be involved in ministry. For more info, contact Sol Chan (sol@cityreformed.org), or any of the coordinators:

- cityreformed.org/sunday-volunteers

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.
