



Sunday Morning Worship
March 19, 2023

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

"And they'll raise their hands
Sayin', "We'll meet all your demands"
But we'll shout from the bow, "Your days are numbered"
And like Pharaoh's tribe
They'll be drowned
in the tide
And like Goliath, they'll be conquered"

- "When the Ship Comes In", Bob Dylan

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213
LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – March 19, 2023

Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

Call to Worship: Exodus 15:1-3, 11

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

Leader "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

People **The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has
become my salvation;**

Leader This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will
exalt him.

People **The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name..."**

Leader "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?"

People **Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in
glorious deeds, doing wonders?"**

Prayer of Invocation

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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

Lenten Scripture Reading: Psalm 27:7-10; 13-14

Psalm 27 | The Everlasting

(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid

I will wait for you I will wait for you
I will wait for you I will wait for you

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord
I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You
We set our hope on Your love
We set our hope on the Lord
Who is the everlasting God
You are the everlasting God

All I Have Is Christ

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin 2008)

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

Now Lord I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Call to Confession: Romans 3:22-25

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: (Based on Isaiah 53)

Father, we are in desperate need of your salvation. We know that we cannot stand in your judgment on our own. We have sinned and we have gone astray. We place our hope in your mercy through Jesus. He was crushed and put to grief when he willingly gave his life as an offering for sin. He was righteous, yet bore our iniquities. This is our hope and prayer. Jesus our substitute, our savior. Open our eyes to see this grace, to delight in it and to share it with others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

No Longer Slaves

(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so we could walk right through it
Our fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued us so we could stand and sing
We are the church of God

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents please have your children meet the teachers at the back of the sanctuary and pick them up from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon:

50 Days Through Revelation: Hope, Conflict and Heavenly Vision

Rev 14:14-15:4

"The Harvest and the Song of Moses"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." ¹⁶So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." ¹⁹So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

^{15:1}Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

²And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
⁴Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Isaiah 53:4-7, 11 / Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth...Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Matthew 13:36, 39-42 / "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ...The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

1 Corinthians 10:5/ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Creedal Response: Apostles 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

Is He Worthy

(Words & Music: Ben Shive and Andrew Peterson 2018)

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
Do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could
see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be
The light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
(It is)

*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold
Forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does)

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*Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
And open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe,
every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom
and priests to God
to reign with the Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy, is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?*

*He is He is
He is He is
He is worthy, worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is*

There Is A Fountain

(Words & Music: William Cowper & Lowell Mason 1772)

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away (3x)
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more (3x)
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save (3x)
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 4:1-18, "Treasures in Jars of Clay."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Kids, parents and adults of all ages! After service - G8</p>	<p>Grab a bagel and join CRPC Children's Ministry after service in G8 for the "Read through Revelation" series. Kids and adults are invited to come and learn alongside each other as we explore different themes found in Revelation and praise God for the blessings we find as we read. This week's theme is: "A Promised Messiah". And remember, NEXT week is art week! Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Committee Needs: SST and Missions</p>	<p>Openings remain on two important committees established by the Session of CRPC, the Missions Committee and the Staff Support Team. If you have questions or interest regarding these openings, please contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org ASAP, thank you.</p>
<p>Spring Seminar: "The Sexually Faithful Church" with Tim Geiger. Saturday, March 25, 6:30-8:30pm.</p>	<p>"Sex, sexuality, and gender are part of every person made in God's image. Yet we all selfishly misuse these good aspects of who we are as image-bearers for our own glory. The Church is meant to be the one place where the truth is spoken in love--<i>so how do we do that in ways that glorify God and help us walk in obedience?</i> That's the question we'll address in this seminar. "</p>
<p>Pittsburgh Presbytery April 1st</p>	<p>City Reformed is hosting the Pittsburgh Presbytery at our Greenfield building for the first time ever for their spring meeting on Saturday, 4/1/23 from 9 am to 4 pm. We are still in need of several volunteers to help with set-up, hosting a continental breakfast and lunch, and then tear-down. The meeting is open to any who would like to attend. If you have interest in helping or questions about presbytery, contact JoeStehle@gmail.com</p>
<p>OEC Q&A: 4/6 Immediately after PM Service</p>	<p>The Oakland Exploratory Committee will be hosting a Q&A session for the congregation following the conversations at the most recent Congregational Meeting. All are invited! Please bring any questions you have around a future building acquisition in Oakland. Questions may also be submitted ahead of the meeting to Luke Kephart (lakephar@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Trivia Night April 1st, 7:00-8:30 pm</p>	<p>Recruit your team and compete from remote locations in a church-wide online trivia competition. Register with Lindsay Sera, lcsera@crawfordinsure.com.</p>

<p>Spring Women's Brunch April 22: 10am-12pm City Reformed Chapel 3929 Coleman Street</p>	<p>"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you..." Psalm 141:2a - Women of all ages, please join us as we enjoy fellowship together and offer up our prayers as incense to the Lord. We will rehearse adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication through reflections shared by our sisters in Christ, singing, and spending time together in prayer. Feel free to invite other women! Please sign up to bring food: https://tinyurl.com/april22brunch</p>
<p>Planning Center Help Desk Sunday AM March 19 & 26</p>	<p>Do you regularly attend City Reformed and are looking to be included in the directory? Have you had trouble transitioning to the new directory since Adjace? Stop by the table in the cafeteria and we'll help you get set up! Contact nameun@cityreformed.org for more questions.</p>
<p>Nominating Committee Update & Request</p>	<p>At the recent Congregational Meeting, a Nominating Committee was formed to evaluate calling Nameun Cho as an Associate Pastor of City Reformed, and concurrently serving as the Executive Pastor. A key part of that process is to ask for input from members of the congregation. The committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider Nameun, his current ministry, and your thoughts about his service to the church in this new role and submitting them in written form. Submissions can be sent to Pat (pat@cityreformed.com), or in-person reflections can be submitted to any committee member.</p>
<p>Holy Week Services April 7 & 9th</p>	<p>Good Friday 4/7 - First Baptist Church @ 7pm (no stream provided) Easter Sunrise - Bartlett Shelter @ 7:30am Easter Breakfast - 8:45am @ WT Easter Service - 10:15am @ WT</p>
<p>Elder Jim Partridge's health updates can be found here:</p>	<p>https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimandtracyjourney</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Board Game Nights 1st Monday of every month 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us April 3rd from 6-9PM for the next monthly board game night (first Monday of each month) in the Greenfield chapel. Contact Gary Atcheson for more details gatcheson@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Agora Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is March 20: What counts as a revelation from God? How can we defend our belief that the Old and New Testaments are the totality of Scripture? We'll explore this question by contrasting Christianity with Mormonism, where additional revelation is accepted as Scripture, and then Judaism, where the New Testament is rejected. Daniel Maienschein will lead the discussion. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Youth Group Wednesday Nights EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224</p>	<p>Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! Join us at Seeds 4 the City, City Reformed's combined youth group with Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Seeds of Hope Anglican Church. Light snacks, fellowship, games, prayer, and a variety of interactions with God's Word fill our time together. Contact Pastor John with questions at john@cityreformed.org. Spring YG dates: 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, and 5/31</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for MTW and their work in Bulgaria. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly (March 15th & 29th) @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): Studying Colossians. For more info, or to be added to a separate email list for this group, contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>

Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- *Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)*
- *Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)*
- *Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)*
- *Wednesday Morning Prayer (Nameun@cityreformed.org)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)*
- *Young Women's Discipleship Group (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)*
- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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Community Groups

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: **www.cityreformed.org/community-groups**

Sunday

Fox Chapel*- Watson Barker
North Hills**- David Bacon

Monday

Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter
Friendship**- Michael Hilton
Morningside** - Jeff Winkler
West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Regent Square- David Snoke
Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco
East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester
Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

*Childcare provided

** Kid's play area available