



Sunday Morning Worship
March 22, 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.

Reflections

[Peace] is found in knowing that your Heavenly Father is not afraid of, or will not be defeated by, what makes you afraid or has the power to defeat you. Peace comes when you rest in the fact that grace has connected you to the One who has overcome everything that could cause your heart to be troubled, and nothing can sever that connection.

- Paul Tripp

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: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 20:1-2, 5-9

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

Leader May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

People **May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!**

Leader Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

People **O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Come ye wounded, weak and worn.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with pow'r.

Come ye needy, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

*He is able. He is able.
Christ is able doubt no more.
Come ye sinners poor and needy,
Christ is able still to save.*

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all.

Come ye ransomed and forgiven.
Come ye rescued from the grave,
Rise and worship Christ our Savior,
For the glory of His name.

Call to Confession: Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that so often we simply do not put our trust in you. Problems arise and we are quick to look for solutions on our own rather than come to you in prayerful trust. We face temptations and we are quick to believe that you have withheld some good thing from us that we have to try to get on our own. Our fears overwhelm us and we are quick to forget all the times you have helped us in the past. We are quick to forget the love you have shown us in Jesus and so we look for our rescue and our identity in other sources. Father, expose in us our lack of trust in you. Remind us through your word and through your people that you are a trustworthy God. Remind us that you care for us in Christ. Remind us that you, the Creator, are more beautiful and fulfilling than any created thing that we turn into an idol. Lead us by your Spirit to turn away from our unbelief and toward you, the living God. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 12:3, 12-13

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted... Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

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).

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

(Words: J. Wilbur Chapman 1910; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard 1811)

Jesus what a friend for sinners
Jesus Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Savior makes me whole

Jesus What a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing
He my strength my victory wins

*Hallelujah What a Savior
Hallelujah What a friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my comfort helps my soul

Jesus what a guide and keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night has found me
He my pilot hears my cry

Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: John 16:20-33

"Our Hope in Sorrow and Tribulation" - Reverend Nameun Cho

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with

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me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Zechariah 13:7 / "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones."

Matthew 7:7-11 / "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

John 14:27 / Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Creedal Response: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Psalm 24 | We Long to See You

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)

Almighty God, we long to see you.
Open our hearts and make them pure.
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

Psalm 126

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

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

<i>Sunday Worship LIVESTREAM continues until further notice.</i>	
Prayer & Devotions	We would like to pray for you. Emails to prayer@cityreformed.org go directly to Pastor Joseph. AND join Pastor Joseph on his YouTube channel for daily devotionals in Philippians.
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.
Social Distance UPDATE	As we are removed from physical proximity to each other, needs may have changed, or are changing. Please fill out tinyurl.com/updateCRPC so that we can address where the needs are and where the help can come from.
Women of City Connect	Women's Ministry Council wants to brainstorm with you on some simple, creative ways we can connect with one another during this season of social distancing. Please email wmc@cityreformed.org your ideas--we look forward to hearing them!
Church Building Use NOTICE	Our building is essentially closed to the public. Please contact Pastor John, Gary and Sol before/if you would like to access the building.
Church Work Day Sat 4/4 @ 9AM-1PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207	POSTPONED TO 4/4: 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	POSTPONED TO 5/16
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).
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.
