



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 27, 2022**

# 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

Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
God, the Lord, is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the deer's;  
he makes me tread on my high places.

–Habakkuk 3:17-19

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

### Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

### Church Office

3929 Coleman St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
[office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org)  
[cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org)

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# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Morning Worship – March 27, 2022  
Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

## Call to Worship: Psalm 30:1-5

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

Leader I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

People **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

Leader O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

People **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

Leader For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

People **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759 Music: Southern Harmony Folk 1835 Arrangement: Daniel Snoko 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pity love and pow'r  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty, glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requireth  
Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you, this He gives you  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden  
Bruised and broken by the Fall  
If you tarry 'till you're better  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! incarnate God ascended  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him, venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

Saints and angels joined in concert  
Sing the praises of the Lamb  
While the blissful seats of heaven  
Sweetly echo with His name  
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"  
Sinners here may do the same.

## Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-17

### Sing Over Your Children

*(Words & Music: Matt Maher 2008)*

I flirt with the world  
It steals my love for You  
My fear grips my faith  
And I am left unmoved

Your gaze stops my heart  
Your voice fills the dark  
Your love is the spark  
That lights this life and so we rise

*Out of the depths You cry  
Come and be satisfied  
Father You sing  
Father You sing over Your children*

You quiet the storm  
Inside my shipwrecked soul  
Your Spirit will lead  
It calls the wayward home

At the sound of Your name  
Our sin is washed away  
In Christ we're crucified  
In You we die in You we rise

*Out of the depths You cry  
Come and be satisfied  
Father You sing  
Father You sing over Your children  
Let us see through Your eyes  
We are Your great delight  
Father You sing over Your children*

## Speak O Lord

*(Words & Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty 2005)*

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time *Psalm 30:6-7*  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## Call to Confession: Psalm 30:6-7

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

## **Prayer of Confession: Psalm 30:8-10**

To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:  
"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will  
the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O  
LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103: 11-13**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his  
steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is  
from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows  
compassion to those who fear him.

### **Congregational Response: Psalm 30: 11-12**

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have  
loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my  
glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I  
will give thanks to you forever!

### **Membership Vows: Campbell Family**

## **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; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

*(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)*

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## 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 after the sermon from Children's Church.*



**Sermon: Psalm 121 & 133**  
**Elements of Worship**  
**"Worship When Life is Hard"**

- Reverend Craig Jones

Psalm 121

**I** lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 133

**B**ehold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,  
    running down on the collar of his robes!  
<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon,  
    which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
    life forevermore.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

## **Creedal Response: Heidelberg Catechism #1**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**



# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

*(Words: Henry Lyte 1825 Music: Bill Moore 2001)*

Jesus I my cross have taken  
All to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute despised forsaken  
Thou from hence my all shall be  
Perish every fond ambition  
All I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition  
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me  
They have left my Savior too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me  
Thou art not like them untrue  
O while Thou dost smile upon me  
God of wisdom love, and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me  
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast  
Life with trials hard may press me  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest  
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me  
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure  
Come disaster scorn and pain  
In Thy service pain is pleasure  
With Thy favor loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather  
All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station  
Something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee  
Think what Father's smiles are thine  
Think that Jesus died to win thee  
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee  
God's own hand shall guide us there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days  
Hope shall change to glad fruition  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

## **Hosanna**

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

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

Be lifted higher, higher  
Be listed higher, higher  
Jesus you be lifted higher, higher  
Be lifted higher

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

*Tonight's Service: Reverend John McCombs will be preaching on Psalm 114.*

## Upcoming Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<p><b>Roses</b></p>	<p>Celebrating Daniel and Bethany Snoke's son Boaz Honor Snoke born February 27th and Andrew and Amy Iseminger's daughter Sophia Grace Iseminger born March 19th.</p>
<p><b>Spring Women's Brunch</b>  <b>April 2nd, 10- 12</b>  <b>Greenfield Chapel</b>  <b>3929 Coleman St,</b>  <b>Pittsburgh, PA 15207</b></p>	<p>Rachael Leuenberger will be sharing on "Bring Them Here to Me" Prayer Meditations from the Feeding of the Five Thousand</p> <p>RSVP here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/crpcbrunch2022">tinyurl.com/crpcbrunch2022</a>          Food Sign Up: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/crpcbrunchfood2022">tinyurl.com/crpcbrunchfood2022</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday School Celebration Brunch</b>  <b>April 10th, 9-9:50AM</b>  <b>WT cafeteria</b></p>	<p>Join us on for brunch to celebrate a fantastic year of Sunday School! The morning will begin with breakfast, followed by a time of fellowship and short presentations by each class! If you want to contribute something for the table, please sign up here: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/SSCelebrate">tinyurl.com/SSCelebrate</a></p> <p>All classes are invited - including Adult CE! See you there!</p>

## Easter

<p><b>Palm Sunday</b>  <b>Sunday, April 10th</b>  <b>WT</b></p>	<p>We will be celebrating Palm Sunday on Sunday April 10th. We will have palm branches displayed during our usual morning worship service to commemorating Jesus's Triumphant Entry.</p>
<p><b>Good Friday</b>  <b>Friday, April 15th</b>  <b>@7PM</b>  <b>First Baptist</b></p>	<p>We will have our Tenebrae Good Friday service at First Baptist Church. This is a service remembering the crucifixion that features music and readings from the Gospels as the lights are gradually extinguished.</p>
<p><b>Easter Sunrise</b>  <b>Sunday, April 17th@</b>  <b>7:30AM</b>  <b>Schenley Park</b></p>	<p>We will gather at 7:15 at the Anderson Playground in Schenley Park for worship and short devotions to start the Easter celebrations.</p>
<p><b>Easter Breakfast</b>  <b>Sunday, April 17th@</b>  <b>8:30AM</b>  <b>WT</b></p>	<p>We will be serving a continental breakfast of pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee between the Sunrise and regular worship services. We will have a time of reflection on God's provision in the last two years and an update from the RUF trip to Yakima during this time.</p>
<p><b>Easter Morning Service</b>  <b>Sunday, April 17th @</b>  <b>10:15AM</b>  <b>WT</b></p>	<p>We will end our Easter celebration together with a worship service. We anticiapate having a number of visitors with this for this service, so please be extra attentive to new faces this morning.</p>

# Volunteer Needs

<p><b>Fellowship Setup and Tear Down</b></p>	<p>We will be resuming our practice of having weekly bagels after service on May 2nd. We are currently looking for roughly 10 people to serve on the Fellowship Setup and Tear Down team. This will involve both setting up and tearing down the bagel station. Volunteers will ideally serve once every 2-3 months.</p>
<p><b>Bagel Pickup</b></p>	<p>We are also looking for people who are willing to pick up bagels from Bruegers in Shadyside before service.</p> <p>Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com)</p>

# Regular Events

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<p><b>Women's Ministry Monthly Updates</b></p>	<p>If you are not already on the email list and would like to receive the women's monthly update, please contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org)</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b></p>	<p>Informal gatherings once or twice a month for young adult women in the church. The purpose is for us to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. To be added to a separate email list for this group, please contact Katelyn (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p><b>Global Mission Prayer time CHANGE Mondays @9PM Zoom</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a></p>	<p>The Missions Committee would like to invite you to join our church in prayer for our mission partners on Monday evenings at 9PM. We hope this new time will allow more people to join us in prayer. We will be praying for the Bill and Gail Johnson and their ministry in Alliquippa.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer</a></p>

# Groups

<p><b>College Students</b> please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)</li> <li>• RUF at Pitt: Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)</li> <li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents">cityreformed.org/collegestudents</a></li> </ul>
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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](http://www.cityreformed.org/community-groups)

## Sunday

Fox Chapel\*- Watson Barker

North Hills\*\*- David Bacon

## Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Morningside\*- Jeff Winkler

West End\*- Jonathan Dodd

## Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Baldwin/Greenfield\*- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

## Thursday

Greenfield/North Oakland- Ben Chidester

Forest Hills\*- Adam Schwab

\*Childcare provided

\*\* Kid's play area available

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