



Sunday Morning Worship
March 29, 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

Man is literally split in two: he has an awareness of his own splendid uniqueness in that he sticks out of nature with a towering majesty, and yet he goes back into the ground a few feet in order to blindly and dumbly rot and disappear forever. It is a terrifying dilemma to be in and to have to live with.

- Ernest Becker, *The Denial of Death*

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.
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Sunday Evening Worship Service

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

Donations

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

Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Derek Bates

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:1-9

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

Leader Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

People **A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Leader Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People **And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Leader A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

People **All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.**

Leader The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

People **The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.**

Leader Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

People **Lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Prayer of Invocation _____

Jesus I Am Resting Resting

(Words & Music: David Hampton & Jean Sophia Pigott 1998)

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

*Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart*

Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
For he wraps me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace

Call to Confession: James 4:6-7

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are our father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands. Forgive us, Lord, for how we have corrupted your good creation.

Gracious Lord, you alone are righteous and holy, and in your presence no one can stand. Your gracious mercy is our only hope and we ask for your forgiveness. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, clothe us in righteousness, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray for these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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 Strong and Kind

(Words & Music: Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2019)

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Psalm 90

"Numbering Our Days" - Reverend Matt Koerber

A PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. ⁵You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: ⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. ⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. ¹³Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 6:26-34 / "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Creedal Response: The 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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!
[Repeat]*

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No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
 Can reach that healthful shore;
 Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
 Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
 And be forever blessed?
 When shall I see my Father's face,
 And in His bosom rest?

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>	
Roses	Celebrate the births of Ben & Katharine Carter's son, Samuel, on March 18th, Eric & Hannah Westman's daughter, Grace, on March 21st, and James & Sara Van Meerbeke's son, Caleb, on March 23rd.
Lenten Hymn-Sing Wed 4/1 @ 7PM	Join us as for the livestream hymn-sing Wednesday on our YouTube channel: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive .
Church Work Day	POSTPONED TO 4/25 (NOT 4/4)
Easter Schedule tinyurl.com/CRPCLive	Good Friday [Fri 4/10] Easter [Sun 4/12] Tenebrae Service 7PM Worship 10:15AM
Diaconate Assistance Available	Deacons are ready and willing to help, particularly financial assistance for those missing work related to the COVID-19. 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.
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!

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.
