



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
March 5, 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

"There are recurring cycles, ups and downs, but the course of events is essentially the same, with small variations. It has been said that history repeats itself. This is perhaps not quite correct; it merely rhymes."

- Theodor Reik

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
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

Church Office

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Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give
Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
Bookkeeper" (please make checks
payable to City Reformed Presbyterian
Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Call to Worship: Psalm 81:8-10, 15-16

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

Leader Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

People **There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.**

Leader I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

People **Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it...**

Leader "Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever.

People **But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."**

Prayer of Invocation

Arise My Soul Arise

(Words: Charles Wesley 1742 Music: Kevin Twit 1996)

Arise my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

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He ever lives above,
For me to intercede.
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise Echo: Arise
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Arise All: Arise my soul, arise
(Repeat)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Lenten Scripture Reading: Psalm 7:8-13

Lead Us Back

(Brooks Ritter & Bobby Gilles 2006)

Falling down upon our knees
Sharing now in common shame
We have sought security
Not the cross that bears your name
Fences guard our hearts and homes
Comfort sings a siren tune
We're a valley of dry bones
Lead us back to life in you

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Lord we fall upon our knees
We have shunned the weak and poor
Worshiped beauty courted kings
And the things their gold affords
Prayed for those we'd like to know
Favor sings a siren tune
We've become a talent show
Lead us back to life in you

Lord you've caused the blind to see
We have blinded them again
With our man-made rules and laws
Eager ready to condemn
Now we plead before your throne
Power sings a siren tune
We've been throwing heavy stones
Lead us back to life in you

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 5:7

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Prayer of Confession: (Based on Isaiah 53)

**Father, we confess our willful disobedience and stubborn sin.
Like sheep we have gone astray.**

**We look to Jesus our Lord and savior. He has borne our
griefs and carried our sorrows. Like a lamb, he was led to the
slaughter. He was pierced for our transgressions, and upon him
was laid the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted,
he poured out his soul to death, and he was cut off from the
land of the living. He bore the sins of many.**

**Help us to experience the peace that he has brought to us, and
bring healing through his wounds. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:18-19

[Know] that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

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).

I Stand Amazed

(Words & Music: Charles H. Gabriel 1905)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not My will but Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me*

In pity angels beheld Him
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

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When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

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
Revelation 8:6-13, 9:20-21**

"The Seven Trumpets as History Retold"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

⁷The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

¹²The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

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¹³Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly...

^{9:20}The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshipping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, ²¹nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scriptures

Exodus 10:22 / So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

John 1:29 / The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Revelation 15:2-3 / And 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. And 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!"

Revelation 5:6 / And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Psalms 136:10-11 / To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Revelation 8:1, 5 / When the Lamb opened the seventh seal... then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

Revelation 11:15, 19 / Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet... Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

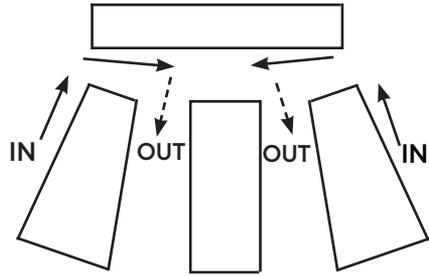
Revelation 16:17 / The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose.

There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

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)

*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

Lion and the Lamb

(Words & Music: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Who can stop the Lord almighty
Who can stop the Lord almighty

Nothing But The Blood

(Words & Music: Robert Lowry 1876 Arrangement: Daniel Justice Snoke 2017)

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Not of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 2:5-17, "To Hear His Pardoning Voice."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Kids, parents and adults of all ages! After service - G8</p>	<p>Kids, parents and adults of all ages! Grab a bagel and join CRPC Children's Ministry after service in G8. 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: "The Letters." Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>CRPC Mission partner Susannah S. Update and Care</p>	<p>If you'd like email updates from the missions committee for specific needs as they come up, contact Katrina Campbell (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Missions Committee Need</p>	<p>The CRPC Missions Committee currently has 2 openings for members who are passionate about seeing our church fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord. Responsibilities and time commitment will be discussed with all applicants. Please contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org if interested.</p>
<p>Staff Support Team Committee Need</p>	<p>The Staff Support Team has an open seat on the committee. It was previously filled with a Corporate Attorney, and while that skill set would be a nice compliment to the current members, it is not a requirement. Our goal is to serve the church staff, touching on compensation, benefits, policies, tools, working conditions, and anything else the session or staff may request us to consider. If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity, please send Catherine Claus (Committee Chair) an email at sst@cityreformed.org.</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>Ordination Service March 12, AM</p>	<p>We will be ordaining our four newly elected deacons, Bill Gould, Neil Freidrich, Cyril Isaac and Dan Toney.</p>
<p>Nominations</p>	<p>This the last day that nominations will be recieved by Pastor Matt for potential elders, deacons and women's ministry council members. Please email him at pastormatt@cityreformed.org.</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Board Game Nights 1st Monday of every month 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us March 6 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 6. The topic will be censorship and misinformation from a Christian perspective, looking at both historical and contemporary issues. Alex Main 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. We'll be meeting at Earthen Vessels Outreach (EVO). 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, or 412-737-8959. Hope to see you there! Spring YG dates: 3/8 & 3/22.</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month: March 15, April 12 and May 17.</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 Hannah Nation and her work with China Partnership.. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>

Employment and Volunteer Needs

www.cityreformed.org/employment

<p>New Job Opening Cleaning person</p>	<p>The Greenfield Building is in need of a new cleaning staff person: age 16 or older. For more information, a job description, and to express interest, please contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
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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 (danielrtonney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

Leadership

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Elder Jim Partridge's health updates can be found here:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimandtracyjourney>

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

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