



Sunday Morning Worship
May 21, 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

"When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

- *Martin Luther's First Thesis*

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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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:3-5, 9-11

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

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

People **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;**

Leader 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 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; lift it up, fear not;

People **Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

Leader Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

People **He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.**

Prayer of Invocation

Behold Our God

(Words & Music: Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Beird, & Stephen Altrogge 2011)

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (2x)
(Let your glory fill the earth)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 2:1-6, 10-12

God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes and Pete James 2016)

God the uncreated One
The Author of salvation
Wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever
He is King forever
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

To God Be The Glory

(Words: Fanny Crosby 1875; Music: W. Howard Doane 1875)

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory, great things he has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Call to Confession: Isaiah 1:16-18

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart, praise has often been praiseless sound. We have done things we should not have done, and we have not done things we should have done. If we were to stand before you on our own, we must surely be rejected.

However, all things in Christ plead for our acceptance. By his stripes we are healed, and he was bruised for our iniquities. He has been made sin so that we might be made righteous in you. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 40:1-2a

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.

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).

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus (3x)
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory (3x)
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him
Blest the ears that hear His voice
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments (3x)
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it (3x)
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus (3x)
Marcy flows through Him alone

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:

Matthew 21:23-32

"Changing Your Mind"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the Elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Matthew 3:1 / In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea...

Matthew 4:17 / From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Acts 11:18 / When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Scripture Response: **Westminster Shorter Catechism #87**

Leader What is repentance that leads to life?

People **Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.**

Songs of Thanksgiving

Holy Spirit

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2006)

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Benediction

*At tonight's Communion Worship Service, Elder Dave Snoke will
be preaching from 2 Corinthians 7:8-13 "Repentance Unto Life"*

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Called Congregational meeting: TODAY, 11:55AM-1:20PM</p>	<p>We will be voting on Nameun Cho's Associate Pastor call and OEC recommendations. Please plan on staying as we do need a quorum!</p>
<p>Volunteers Needed for VBS!</p>	<p>Our theme this year is Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity. Kids will learn from Daniel each day, and will have opportunities to share their faith with the "Babylonians" they meet at the marketplace and during games. Sign up to attend or volunteer at www.myvbs.org/CRPC</p>
<p>Westman Celebration May 27, 4-8PM Snoke Abode: 955 LaClair Street. 15218</p>	<p>Eric and Hannah Westman are moving! Please join us for a goodbye gathering on Saturday, May 27th as we celebrate their time in Pittsburgh and what their friendship has meant to so many in our church and community. We will gather at the Snoke's abode: 955 LaClair Street, 15218. Feel free to stop by anytime from 4-8pm.</p>
<p>Parking Information</p>	<p>With soccer season upon us, we are hoping to save the parking lot for those that have strollers and/or have needs to enter the handicapped entrance. If you can street park, please do. Otherwise, if you use the lot consider putting a "park behind me" magnet & pull forward.</p>
<p>New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at CRPC</p>	<p>Have you recently lost a family member or friend? GriefShare is an international, biblically based ministry to help you navigate and receive support in your grief journey after the loss of a loved one. Support group meeting times TBD. Contact Katrina (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com) to learn more. Check out Griefshare.org</p>
<p>Women's Summer Study Tuesdays @ 7:30-9PM, from June 6th - July 18th</p>	<p>Join us for a six-week study on Jen Wilkin's book "Ten Words to Live By" meeting on Tuesday nights from 6/6-7/18 from 7:30-9pm (except 7/4) at Sam's Highland Park home. Contact Rachael Leuenberger (raleuen@gmail.com) or Sam Phillip (samantharaephilip@gmail.com) for more info!</p>
<p>Bliss (Megan and Aaron) celebration: Wednesday, June 14, 6-9pm.</p>	<p>Come and join the Regent Square Community Group as we send Aaron and Megan off to Baltimore with food, laughter, prayers, and hugs. We will gather at the Snoke home, 955 LaClair Street, 15218. Feel free to stop by anytime during 6-9pm to say goodbye to these dear friends of our church family.</p>
<p>Men (and boys) of City Reformed, SAVE THE DATE!</p>	<p>Men's Camping Retreat at Five Points campsite at Moraine State Park, 6/30-7/2/23 - stay tuned for more info!" If not possible for this week, I understand, you could use this next week.</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Agora Forum: 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 May 29. We will be continuing our summer series "How to think about God". Often we brush over the deep theology of God's nature, on such things as the Trinity, God's eternity, why God wants worship, his relationship to creation, etc. Some things are a mystery, but the Bible also tells us much. In this series we will look at the basic theology of God, drawing from the creeds of the historical church. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Game NIGHT: 1st Monday night of every month: June 5th: 6-9PM</p>	<p>Join us June 5th 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>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 EVO, 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: final YG 5/31.</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry</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. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</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 Andrew and Amy - Northern Africa. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): For more info contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee 12:45 Sundays</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us after Church (12:45) at Westinghouse Park.</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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