



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**May 3, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

- Winston Churchill

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [LIVESTREAM]

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6:00PM [CANCELED]

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### Donations

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# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

## Call to Worship: Psalm 133:1-3

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

Leader Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People **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!**

Leader It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

People **For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Joyful Joyful We Adore You

*(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907; Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824; Music and Lyrics Adapted by Daniel Snoko 2018)*

Joyful joyful we adore You  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You  
Op'ning to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All Your works with joy surround You  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays  
Stars and angels sing around You  
Center of unbroken praise

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Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally

You are giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Well-spring of the joy of living  
Ocean-depth of happy rest  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother  
May Your Spirit in us shine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
With the morning stars begin  
God's own love is reigning o'er us  
Humble love binds all in Him  
Christ we echo ever singing  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music we are bringing  
In the triumph song of life

## **The Anthem**

*(Words & Music: Henry Seeley, Jonathan Hunt, & Liz Webber 2007)*

By His stripes we are healed  
By His nail pierced hands we're free  
By His blood we're washed clean  
Now we have the victory

The pow'r of sin is broken  
Jesus overcame it all  
He has won our freedom  
Jesus has won it all

*Hallelujah You have won the victory  
Hallelujah You have won it all for me  
'Cause death could not hold You down  
You are the risen King  
Seated in majesty  
You are the risen King*

Our God is risen  
He is alive  
He won the victory  
He reigns on high

## **Call to Confession: James 5:16a**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, your purposes are good and full of lasting significance. You have called us in Christ to join in your purposes and to minister to our brothers and sisters. You have equipped us with your Holy Spirit and with the gifts and power to accomplish this calling.

And yet, we have squandered gifts and opportunities for service and ministry. We think too often of our own needs and our own comfort. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and renew us. Give us the joy of seeing the fruit of true gospel ministry in our lives, in our churches and in our communities. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:19-22**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## **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).*

## In Christ Alone

*(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

# Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

"Love is the Great Equalizer" - Reverend Matt Koerber

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**F**or just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one

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member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

John 15:12-13 / "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

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Galatians 6:10 / So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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Ephesians 4:28 / Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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I John 3:16-17, 4:19 / By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ...We love because he first loved us.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 26:1

**All saints are united to Jesus Christ their Head by his Spirit through faith, and have fellowship with him in his grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. Being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obligated to the performance of such public and private duties as support their mutual good, both in the inward and outward person.**



# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## Psalm 82 | The Hand of God

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)*

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign  
So that you might stand for the weak  
He made you judge so the fatherless  
And the poor could rest in your strength  
But you have left them in darkness  
And the earth's foundations shake

*How long O Lord before your justice reigns  
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives

*(Words: Samuel Medley 1775; Music: "Duke Street" John Warrington Hatton (1793))*

I know that my Redeemer lives  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives  
He lives He lives who once was dead  
He lives my everlasting Head

He lives my kind wise constant Friend  
Who still will keep me to the end  
He lives and while He lives I'll sing  
Jesus my Prophet Priest and King

He lives to silence all my fears  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart  
He lives all blessings to impart

He lives to bless me with His love  
He lives to lead for me above  
He lives to raise me from the grave  
And me eternally to save

He lives to grant me daily breath  
He lives and I shall conquer death  
He lives all glory to His name  
Jesus unchangeably the same

# Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction

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If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org).

## Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: [cityreformed.org/events](http://cityreformed.org/events).

<b>Rose</b>	Celebrate the birth of Joe & Abby Benscoter's daughter, Amelia Mae, on March 29th.
<b>Zoom Call for Children</b> Sun 5/3 @ 12PM	Children, meet with Pastor Matt & Chrissie today! For Zoom link, contact Charis ( <a href="mailto:charis@cityreformed.org">charis@cityreformed.org</a> ).
<b>Graduate Recognition</b> Sun 5/17  <b>Send by 5/10</b>	If you are graduating or have graduated this past year (from high school, college, or even an advanced degree) or you know who is, please let us know! In addition to names, send a photo and current mailing address to: <a href="mailto:sol@cityreformed.org">sol@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>Wednesday Morning Prayer</b> @ 8:30AM <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCpray">tinyurl.com/CRPCpray</a>	We invite you to join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Feel free to send prayer requests to <a href="mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org">prayer@cityreformed.org</a> .
<b>Adult CE: "By the Rivers of Babylon: Psalms for the Exiled"</b> Thurs 5/7 @ 8PM <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCAdultEd">tinyurl.com/CRPCAdultEd</a>	Join us Online via Zoom Thursday evenings for an interactive study. We will look at different psalms each week and think about how the Book of Psalms encourages us and speaks to us today, especially in difficult times. This will be a four-part series, ending on 5/21. If Zoom asks you for a password, type "CRPC". Contact Seulgi Byun ( <a href="mailto:seulgi.byun@gmail.com">seulgi.byun@gmail.com</a> ).
<b>Women's Virtual Retreat: "Lessons in Contentment"</b>	Ladies: listen to the four talks up on our website: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/seminars">cityreformed.org/seminars</a> . Participate in one of the Zoom discussion groups offered 5/14-23. Contact the Women's Council ( <a href="mailto:wmc@cityreformed.org">wmc@cityreformed.org</a> ).
<b>NEED Volunteer Coordinators for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meal Ministry</li><li>• Refreshments</li></ul>	<b>Meal Ministry</b> - coordinates TakeThemAMeal schedules as needed (new babies, surgeries, etc). <b>Refreshments</b> - uses Planning Center to assign (bagels/mandarins) volunteers to the rotation, for when we return to a normal schedule again. Contact Alexis Wright ( <a href="mailto:alexis.a.book@gmail.com">alexis.a.book@gmail.com</a> ).

<p><b>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/updateCRPC">tinyurl.com/updateCRPC</a></p>	<p>Please update the deacons by filling out the survey. They are looking to account for people who have needs <i>and</i> people who have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik Melchior (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p><b>Make Connections via Online Media</b></p>	<p>As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org)</li> <li>• To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org)</li> <li>• To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pastoral Devotionals</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCPastorJoseph">tinyurl.com/CRPCPastorJoseph</a></p>	<p>Join Pastor Joseph online for encouragement while we are in our homes and away from each other.</p>

**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](http://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](http://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](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

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## Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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](http://cityreformed.org).

### Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org).

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