



**Sunday Morning Communion Worship**  
**May 7, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you."

- Shannon L. Alder

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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

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### Welcome Information:



# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 16:5-11

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

Leader The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

Leader You make known to me the path of life;

People **In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Joyful Joyful We Adore You

*(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907; Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)*

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  
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

# Oh Give Thanks To The Lord

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

We were wand'ring in the desert  
With our souls so starved and weak.  
We were hungry for a homeland  
We did not know how to seek.  
But we lifted up our voices  
To the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy  
Came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden,  
And our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death's darkness,  
We were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor  
To the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy  
Wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion,  
With our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer  
To the death we should have died.  
Then he heard of our condition,  
And he called us by our names;  
And the God of glory  
Took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean,  
Making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction  
Brought us tremb'ling to our knees.  
Then we cried like drunken sailors  
To the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort  
Took away our fears.

## **Call to Confession: Colossians 1:9-12**

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

*Based on the Apostle Paul's prayer in Colossians 1:9-14*

**Father, you have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of your beloved Son. We look to him alone for redemption, we look to the cross of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask to be filled with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to walk in a manner that is pleasing to you and help us to be fruitful with good works. Strengthen us with all power according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. We give you thanks for the inheritance that you have prepared for us. We thank you that you are continuing to work for our good in all things to prepare us for our heavenly inheritance. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

# 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).*

### Psalm 16 | Faces of the Saints

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2019)*

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge  
I have no good without your daily presence  
You are my hope my portion and my substance  
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints  
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death  
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath  
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait  
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me  
And in the night my heart proclaims your counsel  
When you are near then I will not be shaken  
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer  
I will not follow in their greedy worship  
No other name but yours is my devotion  
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

## 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:

2 Timothy 1:1-18

"Leaving an Inheritance of Faith"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

**P**aul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard



from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

<sup>15</sup>You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup>May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, <sup>17</sup>but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— <sup>18</sup>may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scriptures

Proverbs 13:22 / A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

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Matthew 6:21,24 / For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

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Matthew 13:45-46 / "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

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Galatians 3:25-29 / But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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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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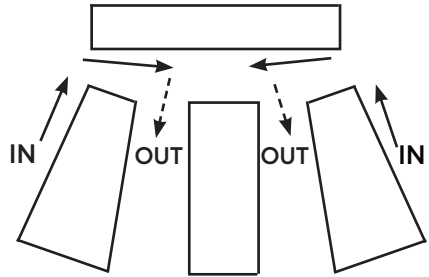
2 Timothy 4:6-7 / For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

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# 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-communing 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

### Hallelujah What A Savior - Man of Sorrows

*(Words & Music: Philip Paul Bliss 1875)*

Man of Sorrows! What a name  
For the Son of God, Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God is He;  
Full atonement! Can it be?

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Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high.

When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we'll sing:

## **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

## Eternal Weight of Glory

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2013)

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suff'ring seem so long  
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring  
Threaten silence to our song  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak  
But our hope is set on Jesus  
And we cling to him our strength

*For behold I tell a myst'ry  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake  
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry  
When we meet our King of Grace  
Every year we thought was wasted  
Every night we cried How long  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

Oh eternal weight of glory  
Oh inheritance divine  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time  
All our pains will be transfigured  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord  
We will see the weight of glory  
And our broken years restored

We will see our wounded Savior  
We'll behold him face to face  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace

## **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.

(repeat)

Amen

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 "Unequally Yoked."*

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Oakland Exploratory Committee meeting opportunity (OEC)</b>  <b>May 14, 9AM</b></p>	<p>We have an opportunity available to talk and ask questions regarding exploring a permanent home in Oakland on May 14th at 9AM.</p>
<p><b>Called Congregational meeting: May 21st, WT Auditorium, 11:50AM-1:20PM</b></p>	<p>Voting on Nameun Cho's Associate Pastor call and questions related to vision and property search. Q@A before will be held in-person Sunday May 14, 9:00-9:50AM, WT.</p>
<p><b>VBS 2023</b>  <b>July 10-14</b></p>	<p>VBS Registration is OPEN! Sign up to attend or volunteer at <a href="http://www.myvbs.org/CRPC">www.myvbs.org/CRPC</a></p>
<p><b>Building Work Day</b>  <b>May 20, 9AM-3PM</b></p>	<p>We will be renovating the Greenfield Chapel, primarily taking out the basement ceiling. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Gary: <a href="mailto:gatcheson@gmail.com">gatcheson@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Westman Celebration</b>  <b>May 27, 4-8PM</b>  <b>Snoke Abode:</b>  <b>955 LaClair Street.</b>  <b>15218</b></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. Use this link to sign up if you would like to help with food for the party! See you there! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AEAD2EA5FD0-westman">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AEAD2EA5FD0-westman</a></p>
<p><b>Parking Information</b></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, consider putting a "park behind me" magnet (which you may find in foyer) so that CRPC folk can care well for one another.</p>
<p><b>New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at CRPC</b></p>	<p>GriefShare is an international, biblically based ministry to receive support, encouragement, and tools to help navigate and walk alongside you in the grief journey after the loss of a loved one. CRPC is offering a GriefShare Support Group meeting weekly at Greenfield Chapel, open to anyone in our church family or community who has suffered the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare invites you to meet the God of all comfort in a meaningful way together with others, so that no one goes through the grieving process alone. Information on the GriefShare ministry can be found on their website <a href="http://Griefshare.org">Griefshare.org</a>. Dates and meeting times still TBD, please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (<a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a>) or Katrina Campbell (<a href="mailto:katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com">katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com</a>) to learn more.</p>

# Regular Events

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

<p><b>Agora</b> 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 15. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p><b>Game NIGHT:</b> 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><b>Youth Group</b> 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. <b>Spring YG dates: 5/17, and 5/31.</b></p>
<p><b>Mens Discipleship</b></p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu ) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 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/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Global Mission Prayer</b> Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for PRISM (PRISM is a welcoming community for international students and scholars in Pittsburgh.) <b>Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a>.</b></p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b></p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): For more info, or to be added to a separate email list for this group, contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p><b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> 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. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com) for more information.</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](http://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)*

# Leadership

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