



Sunday Morning Worship
May 9, 2021

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

Our tendency is to feel intuitively that the more difficult life gets, the more alone we are. As we sink further into pain, we sink further into felt isolation. The Bible corrects us. Our pain never outstrips what he himself shares in. We are never alone. That sorrow that feels so isolating, so unique, was endured by him in the past and is now shouldered by him in the present.

- Dane C. Ortlund

Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Services

9AM & 11AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

SIGN-UPS: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
412-720-7014
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cityreformed.org

Church Center App:



Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 5/9 | 5PM

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give

Mail: Church Office address above "Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship – May 9, 2021
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

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

Leader Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

People **The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Prayer of Invocation

Gloria Patri

(Words: Anonymous 4th Century; Music: Henry W. Greatorex 1813-58)

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be world without end
Amen Amen

Psalm 34 | Taste and See

(Words & Music: Joe Rigney & Shane Barnard 2015)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev'ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints
He'll give you ev'rything
He'll give you ev'rything

Let us bless the Lord
Ev'ry day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

Jesus Lover of My Soul

(Words: Charles Wesley 1740; Music: Greg Thompson 2000)

Jesus lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Savior hide
Till the storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee
Leave ah leave me not alone
Still support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
Help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
The shadow of Thy wing

Thou O Christ art all I want
More than all in Thee I find
Raise the fallen cheer the faint
Heal the sick and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
To all eternity

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Call to Confession: Psalm 95:8-9; Hebrews 4:12-13

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work...

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that so often we simply do not put our trust in you. Problems arise and we are quick to look for solutions on our own rather than come to you in prayerful trust. We face temptations and we are quick to believe that you have withheld some good thing from us that we have to try to get on our own. Our fears overwhelm us and we are quick to forget all the times you have helped us in the past. We are quick to forget the love you have shown us in Jesus and so we look for our rescue and our identity in other sources.

Father, expose in us our lack of trust in you. Remind us through your word and through your people that you are a trustworthy God. Remind us that you care for us in Christ. Remind us that you, the Creator, are more beautiful and fulfilling than any created thing that we turn into an idol. Lead us by your Spirit to turn away from our unbelief and toward you, the living God. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12-14

When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

For The Beauty Of The Earth

(Words: Follitt Pierpoint 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher 1838)

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

*Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love

For Thyself best gift divine
To the world so freely given
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents please escort your children and pick them up after the sermon.

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

"An Example from the Wilderness"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 7.5

The covenant of grace was differently administered in the time of the Law and in the time of the Gospel. Under the Law, it was administered by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the Passover lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to the Jewish people, all signifying in advance the Christ to come. These were sufficient and effective for that time, through the operation of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full remission of sins and eternal salvation. This is called the Old Testament.

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name _____

*But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Attending Services "In-Person"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundays 9AM & 11AM • Every Other Sunday 5PM <p>Winchester Thurston (WT) 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p> <p>Church Center App</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **Please Sign Up for Indoor Services on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. For assistance, contact Sol@cityreformed.org. • For services INDOORS at WT, please submit the WT Screening Form (tinyurl.com/WTscreening) - one per Sunday per household - on the Sunday morning you attend (not before Sunday). • Before attending, please self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household (Review "Safe & Sound": tinyurl.com/SafeCRPCSound). • Mandatory **MASK** policy (all over 2 yrs old) • Please maintain social distancing between households. • **CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON upon arrival.** • 9AM Morning Service will be Livestreamed.
<p>WT Room Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Church will be held during the sermon in G8 (Dance Studio). • Cry Room and Overflow seating will be in the Dining Room. • Nursing Lounge remains in G10 (across from the restrooms).
<p>Children's Church REOPENS IN-PERSON G8 (Dance Studio)</p>	<p>Offered at both morning services during our church's reopening phase. Please pre-register your children when signing up to attend. For health & safety and Children's Church guidelines, contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Open Evening Communion Service 5:00 PM TONIGHT Sunday 5/9 WT Parking Lot, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</p> <p>In-person service held OUTDOORS, with communion served (pre-packaged individual cups). Please review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No Advance Sign-Ups required; Check-Ins only.</i> • <u>Please bring your own chairs/blankets to sit on</u> • Please park on the street or along the campus driveways parallel to Ellsworth, Bayard & Morewood. Handicap spots will be reserved near the Ellsworth entry. • For restroom access to the building, WT requires self-assessment screening. Please submit the WT Screening form before entering the building (one form per Sunday per household). 	

<p>Serve at City <i>tinyurl.com/ServantCity</i></p>	<p>One of the main concern for our reopening plan (e.g. nursery, Children's Church) is to determine how many volunteers are able to help. Please consider serving by completing the "Serve at City" google form: <i>tinyurl.com/ServantCity</i>.</p>
<p>Membership Class Fri 6/4 @ 7-9:30PM & Sat 6/5 @ 9-1PM <i>IN-PERSON at the Church Office, 3929 Coleman St.</i></p>	<p>Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: <i>crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</i>. Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Churchwide Directory Update</p>	<p>We are currently working on updating our directory. New to City Reformed and interested in being included? Or would you like to update your info? Contact Chrissie@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>WMC Bridal & Baby Shower Invite List</p>	<p>Attention ladies! This is a separate email list created for those interested in receiving shower invitations on a regular basis. If you would like to be added or taken off the list at this time, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School (VBS) <i>Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park</i> July 26-30 10:30AM-12:30PM <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21</i></p>	<p>REGISTRATIONS OPEN for VBS 2021: <i>Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls us Through</i> Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Sign up as a VBS Child, Youth Crew Leader, or Adult Volunteer. Register online: <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21</i> Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Fridays @ 6:30AM <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCmissionsprayer</i></p>	<p>Join CRPC Missions Committee weekly for 30 min Zoom prayer. Contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws). Check out our new missions website: <i>cityreformed.org/missions</i></p>
<p>Webinar of the Christian Scientific Society (CSS) Sat 5/29 @ 10AM-2PM <i>christianscientific.org</i></p>	<p><i>"Is there intelligent life in outer space? What are the stakes?"</i> It is open to the public and free, with a suggested donation. Preregistration is required. Contact Dave (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Ladies' Day Out(doors) Sat Jun 19 @ 9:30AM - 4PM</p>	<p>Save the Date! Details to follow! Contact Sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Women's Evening Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM</p>	<p>Join us Monday evenings over Zoom for "Becoming a Women of Purpose." Contact Cathy Taylor (Lawyerdad5@aol.com).</p>
<p>Tuesday Ladies Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM</p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings over Zoom. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>

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Zenny Jua	<p>Today we say a bittersweet goodbye to Zenny Jua who has served both on staff at City as a women's ministry assistant for the past year and an RUF intern for three years. We give thanks to the Lord for her love and service and rejoice with her for this new calling.</p>
Young Adult Women's Fellowship Every other Saturday	<p>This is an informal gathering of women in the church. The purpose is for us to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. You can expect, zoom conversations, zoom workouts, hikes, service etc. Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
Men's Discipleship Committee	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.</p>
Youth Group	<p>Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a series of events throughout the spring and summer! Contact Becki@cityreformed.org or Ben@cityreformed.org for info about upcoming events.</p>
Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons@cityreformed.org.</p>
Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
Make Connections via Online Media	<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"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

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 (kspallinger@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.
