



Sunday Morning Worship
June 11, 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

"Everybody wants to see justice done, to somebody else."

- Bruce Cockburn

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
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-11

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

Leader God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Leader There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**

Leader The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

People **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

People **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

Leader "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

People **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Prayer of Invocation

O Worship The King

(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's; Words: Robert Grant 1833)

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

O God of Our Salvation

(Words & Music: Michael Bleecker and Matt Boswell 2009)

O God of our salvation
Who reigns upon the throne
The sov'reign Father great is He
From Whom all blessings flow

*O God of our salvation
From Whom redemption comes
O Father Son and Spirit
The blessed Three in One*

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Behold the Son our Savior
Who for our sin was slain
The Christ Who purchased with His blood
The wretched souls of men

O God the Holy Spirit
Revealing deity
The fount of life and love divine
Throughout eternity

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 66:1-2

The Lord's Prayer

(Music: Daniel Snoke 2021)

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your Name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven

*Give to us today the bread that we need
Forgive us our debts as we forgive
Lead us not into temptation we pray
Deliver us from the evil one*

*For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen
For the kingdom power glory are yours
Forever amen forever amen*

Lord hear our prayer
Lead us in love for
Yours is the name above all names

Call to Confession: Ephesians 2:17-18

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess to you that we have often set our sights too low. We have focused on money, entertaining ourselves, and avoiding pain. Like animals reacting to stimuli, we have often reacted to our passions and anger and pleasures without thought. Like mice, we have scurried in fear before the powers of this world.

Lord, lift up our eyes. We were made in your image, for something far greater. Your kingdom is an eternal and glorious kingdom, populated by people from every language, and tribe and nation. You have planned all history to culminate in your glorious city, the New Jerusalem, and we play a role in that story. All creation cries out to praise you, the Holy One. Change us, O Lord, to remember that our citizenship is in heaven and we are not mere animals or slaves of this world, for you have redeemed us through the blood of your Son. We praise you, for you alone are worthy for us to fix our eyes on. 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.

Membership & Testimony: Vipin & Samantha Philip with daughters Ruth & Anna

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).

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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 21:33-46; 22:15-22

"The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Caesar"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away

from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet...

^{22:15}Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Isaiah 5:1-4 / Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

John 18:36 / Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Romans 13:1 / Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Additional Creedal Response: Book of Church Order 3-4. / The power of the Church is exclusively spiritual; that of the State includes the exercise of force. The constitution of the Church derives from divine revelation; the constitution of the State must be determined by human reason and the course of providential events. The Church has no right to construct or modify a government for the State, and the State has no right to frame a creed or polity for the Church. They are as planets moving in concentric orbits: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

Creedal Response: Westminster Confessions of Faith 25:1

The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of God's chosen people, who have been, are, or will be gathered into one under Christ the Head of the Church. It is the spouse, the body, and the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Songs of Thanksgiving

See What We've Done

(Original: Joy Day 2005 Music & Lyrics: Daniel Snoko 2010)

Oh my soul! Oh Lord Jesus,
Judas sold you for silver.
I neglect you for less.
Oh my soul! You, my Savior,
Felt the kiss of betrayal
From the lips of a friend.

*Oh my God, see what we've done
Your Son, Jesus, betrayed.
Oh my God, see what we've done
Your Son, Jesus, denied.
Oh my God, see what we've done
Your Son Jesus, destroyed.*

Oh my soul! Oh my Savior,
Three times Peter denied you,
Fearing man more than God.
Oh my Lord! When they mock you
I say, "I do not know him",
And try to prove that I don't.

Oh my soul! Oh Lord Jesus,
You were crushed and destroyed with
The weight of sin and our guilt.
Oh my soul! Oh my Savior,
You accomplished salvation.
"It is finished" for all.

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 "Bountiful and Sparse"

Announcements

<p>Volunteers Needed for VBS!</p>	<p>Our theme this year is Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity. We still need volunteers to travel with kids from activity to activity! Sign up to attend or volunteer at www.myvbs.org/CRPC</p>
<p>VBS Volunteer Kickoff and Training: TODAY, after service.</p>	<p>If you are serving at VBS this summer as a youth or adult volunteer, please plan to attend our VBS Kickoff and Training event today June 11th, for 30 minutes after church in G8!</p>
<p>VBS Donations</p>	<p>We need supplies to make our crafts, games, and teaching a success. If you would like to donate supplies, please stop by the VBS table in the cafeteria TODAY after the service to pick up one or more supply donation slips. Thank you!</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. Contact Katrina (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com). 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>Spallinger (Pat and Katelyn) celebration; Saturday, June 17, 3-5pm:</p>	<p>Our dear friends the Spallingers are moving to Indiana and we're celebrating their time in Pittsburgh and what they've meant to us at the Greenfield chapel building on Coleman St at 3-5pm on June 17th. There will be live music! If you would like to sign up to bring food please email camdenbianco@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Men and Boys of CRPC! Camping Trip: Moraine State Park 5 Points Group Campground: June 30 - July 2</p>	<p>No registration or cost for coming. And opportunities for many activities such as ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Mr.Luke's boat, bike riding, swimming, maybe even rockclimbing! Downside is we are providing spiritual food only (devotions), the rest is on you! Those with disabilities can reserve a spot in a modern cabin with Luke Kephart. So bring your sons and invite your friends and neighbors!! Questions can be directed to Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) or Jim Partridge (partridge.je6@gmail.com).</p>

Regular Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<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 June 12. This week we will have a game night as we take a short break from our summer series "How to think about God". Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Game NIGHT: Monthly July 3rd: 6-9PM</p>	<p>Join us July 3rd 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>Bean Sprouts Ministry: Monthly June 14, 12pm</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 City Pres/Mugaris in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. 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: Thursdays @ 6PM</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us Thursdays (6 PM) at McKnight Playground near the aviary. Contact Dan Toney, danielrtoney@gmail.com</p>
<p>Summer RUF @ Breeden Abode: Dinner at 6pm</p>	<p>Thursdays, starting on June 1st at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (Shadyside) Dinner at 6.00pm, Study + Discussion at 7.00pm. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact gavin.breeden@ruf.org or callie.miller@ruf.org</p>

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- 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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