

Sunday Morning Worship June 19, 2022

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

"Once you were a child. Once you knew what inquiry was for. There was a time when you asked questions because you wanted answers, and were glad when you had found them. Become a child again, even now... You have gone wrong. Thirst was made for water; inquiry for truth.

When I was ten, I read fairy tales in secret and would have been ashamed if I had been found doing so. Now that I am fifty, I read them openly. When I became a man I put away childish things, including the fear of childishness and the desire to be very grown up."

- C.S. Lewis

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 3929 Coleman Street Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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Morning Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – June 19, 2022 Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:4-6

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

- Leader Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts
- People His name is the LORD; exult before him!
- Leader Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
- People God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Prayer of Invocation

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

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

Scripture Reading: Galations 4:8-10 & 5:16-24

I Want to Know You

(Word & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson 2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways My fears to quell my hopes to raise But what I need your word has said Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead There's love in all your words and deeds This weary heart finds all it needs In ever only Jesus

I want to know you Jesus my Lord King of the Heavens king of my soul I trade my treasure and all my rewards Jesus to know you then know you more

Though some should curse me for your name I have no fear I have no shame You stand with me for all my days My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean Like all of the sand on the shore Your beauty and glory are endless O Jesus I must know you more

Call to Confession: Ezekiel 33:11

Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Prayer of Confession:

Father, teach us to repent. Not just to feel remorse, or to feel bad about the effects of our sin, or to feel shame, but to change from doing evil to start doing good. Let us not feel sorry for ourselves, or hate ourselves, but to draw on your strength to simply change our ways where we know we should. Teach us to humble ourselves before you, to see that your ways and your commands are good, and that we are blessed when we walk with you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 34:11-15

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.

Membership Installation:

Abbey Frick Peter & Amelia Morrissey James Sauereisen Alaina Conley

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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

Hold Our Children | Psalm 78

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2020)

We regret the things we've lost And name the failures from our past We confess the common sin Of our fathers and our mothers We won't hide them from our children

Our hope, it is not in our own strength Made or lost in the darkness of the past Oh our hope, it is in your saving pow'r In ev'ry age your love will last And you will hold our children fast

We refuse to follow God Or trust his power to provide We complain and test his grace But he shows us loving kindness We won't hide it from our children

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 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: Matthew 18:1-14

"Jesus Talks about Children"

- Elder Dave Snoke

A t that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 / "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Proverbs 22:15 / Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Matthew 11:25 / At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;"

Matthew 20:25-27 / But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave."

Mark 2:17 / And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

John 13:14 / If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Ephesians 4:14-15 / ...so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...

Phillippians 2:5-7 / Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism 74

- Q. What is adoption?
- A. Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, by which all those who are justified are received into the number of his children; have his name put on them; have the Spirit of his Son given to them; are under his fatherly care and dispensations; are admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God; and are made heirs of all the promises and fellow heirs with Christ in glory.

Sermon Outline

Talk

A. Discipleship

B. Cross-generational relationship

Protect

A. Severe warnings against child abuse

B. Jesus is the great rescuer

Evangelize

A. Priority on individuals

B. We are not neutral in our covenantal relationships

Conclusion: Jesus treats us this way!

Songs of Thanksgiving

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

How Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787, Melody: American Folk)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow, For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply, The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break, I will never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Communion Service: Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 6:1-11, "Grill the Preacher" immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

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Hymn Sing June 24th, 7PM Greenfield Chapel	For anyone looking for more opportunities to lift up your voice in praise in community with others, there will be a hymn sing at the Greenfield Chapel at 7pm this Friday the 24th! All are welcome.
Young Adult Women's Fellowship: Clothing/Book Swap! Saturday, June 25th from 10a-12p at the Greenfield building (3929 Coleman St.).	We all have clothing in our closets that we never wear and books on our bookshelves that we never read, and buying new items can be expensive! So, we are excited to host a clothing and book swap event for young adult women! We will collect items at church today (AM and PM service) and lay them out on the day of the swap. Everything will be free! You can also contact Katelyn Spallinger or Emily Deemer to arrange a drop off at either of our homes before June 25th. Anything not taken, can either be taken back home, or will be donated. We kindly ask that you limit your donations to 15 items or less. Questions? Contact Katelyn Spallinger.
Men's Camping Trip July 8-9 Five Points Camp Ground Moraine State Park	Mark your calendars and plan to bring your sons! More details to follow. We have a reserved cabin nearby for those unable to tent-camp. Lots of food, outdoor activities and devotions together. Join us! Contact Jim Partridge at jim@cityreformed.org "
General Assembly	Next week is the annual General Assembly of the PCA. Please join us in praying for our denomination during this significant time.

Volunteer Needs

VBS volunteers!	Please consider joining our VBS volunteer team this summer! We need: 7+ adults to serve in the Nursery during VBS and to be Group helpers who travel with Crews (no advance prep needed!) 12 youth (rising 6th grade and older) to lead Crews of
	VBS attendees Contact Debbie Bacon (vbs@cityreformed.org) or register on Church Center to help meet this need!

Regular Events

Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM	Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <i>https://tinyurl.com/</i> <i>crpcwednesdayprayer</i>
Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners We will be praying for the Millers and their ministry in Greece https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer
Grace and Truth for Moms Summer Study Every other Tues night from 6/14-8/9 from 7:30-9pm Greenfield Chapel: 3929 Coleman Street	We want you to get to the root of difficult emotions and interactions in parenting, so you can be set free by the grace and truth God has for you. Join us this summer for a study co-lead by Amanda Moore and Rachael Leuenberger at the Greenfield Building. There is a \$10 cost which gives you lifetime access to the course videos and handouts. Please sign up using this link: tinyurl.com/ CRPCSummerstudy22
Young Adult Women's Bible Study	Every other Wednesday night, beginning on 6/8, from 7-8:30pm at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Join us for an 8 session summer study of Proverbs! Contact Katelyn (katelyn@ cityreformed.org).
Summer RUF! Every Wed, beginning June 1st 3334 Dawson Street	Dinner at 6pm, Study at 7. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads welcome. Questions? callie.miller@ruf.org

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: Callie Miller (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 (Zachary@cityreformed.org)
- Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)
- Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)
- Informal frisbee
- Board Game Gatherings

Community Groups

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: **www. cityreformed.org/community-groups**

Sunday

Fox Chapel*- Watson Barker North Hills**- David Bacon

Tuesday

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner Morningside*- Jeff Winkler West Hills*- Jonathan Dodd

Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge Regent Square- David Snoke Baldwin/Greenfield*- Joseph Bianco East Suburban- Joe Stehle

Thursday

Shadyside - Ben Chidester Forest Hills*- Adam Schwab

*Childcare provided ** Kid's play area available CCLI License #2473859 All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.