



Sunday Morning Worship
June 26, 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

"One of the most common euphemisms and justifications for a certain type of childhood trauma is growing up too fast...Here are some of the more common beliefs and emotional issues related to it: One, believing that you always have to be strong...Two, believing that you can't ask for help and have to do everything yourself. This often leads to you feeling lonely, isolated, unnecessarily distrustful, or that you're alone against the world. Its very hard for you to express your needs to others, or sometimes even recognize that you have needs."

– D. Cikanivicus, Psych Central

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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Sunday Morning Worship – June 26, 2022
Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Psalm 78:1-7

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

Leader Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

People **We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

Leader He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,

People **And arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.**

Prayer of Invocation

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 62: 1-2,5-8

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

How Great Thou Art

(Words & Music: Carl Gustav Boberg 1949)

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art

Call to Confession: 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.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, teach us to walk humbly before you, as those who listen to your Word. Help us to listen to you, to meditate daily on your precepts, and to follow in your ways. Change our hearts to incline toward you, fill us with your Spirit, and lift our eyes to see our king Jesus as our good shepherd.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Deuteronomy 30:6

And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Baptism: Amelia Mae Benscoter and Katherine Jane Benscoter

Question to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

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).

Jesus I Am Resting Resting

(Words & Music: David Hampton & Jean Sophia Pigott 1998)

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

*Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart*

Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
For he wraps me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace

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 Snoko

At 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

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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.

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

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

Ezekial 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?

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 46

Q. What was the state of Christ's humiliation?

A. The state of Christ's humiliation was the low condition in which, for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, he took upon himself the form of a servant in his conception, birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

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

No Longer Slaves

(Words & Music: Jonathan David Helser & Melissa Helser 2014)

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Tonight's Communion Service: Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 6:12-13, "Grill the Preacher" immediately following.

Upcoming Events

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Roses</p>	<p>Celebrating Martin Ezra Pedersen, born to Megan and Drake Pederson on May 23rd</p>
<p>Howard Snoko's Memorial Service Thursday, June 30th, 7PM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Howard Snoko, a founding member of our congregation, passed away last Sunday at the age of 87. A memorial service will be held this coming Thursday, with a light social with refreshments to follow. A livestream of the service will also be available for those who cannot attend in person.</p>
<p>Men's Camping Trip July 8-9 Five Points Camp Ground Moraine State Park</p>	<p>City Men of all ages and stages! Come away for a night and a day of R and R together! Group tent camping with basic services (water, charcoal grills, bathroom) in a beautiful space with biking, boating or other outdoor activities nearby. We will provide a campfire with S'mores on Friday and spiritual food (devotions) but the rest is up to you! Arrive any time after 6 pm on 7/8, we will conclude late afternoon on 7/9. A nearby cabin has been reserved with just a few spots for those who are unable to tent camp. Need further info? Contact Adam at ahs27@pitt.edu.</p>

Volunteer Needs

<p>Crates for Ukraine</p>	<p>Our congregation is partnering with MTW's efforts to provide humanitarian aid to Ukrainians. We will be collecting supplies for at least six crates of aid supplies. We are looking for help in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - donating supplies for crates (drop off at the Greenfield building on July 3,10,17) - donating airline miles - volunteering to take a crate to Poland <p>A full list of needed supplies is available in the lobby and is attached to the weekly email. Contact Debbie Schwab with quetions (asunlithurricane@gmail.com)</p>
<p>VBS volunteers!</p>	<p>Please consider joining our VBS volunteer team this summer! We need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5+ adults to serve in the Nursery during VBS and to be Group helpers who travel with Crews (no advance prep needed!) 8 youth (rising 6th grade and older) to lead Crews of VBS attendees <p>Contact Debbie Bacon (vbs@cityreformed.org) or register on Church Center to help meet this need!</p>

Regular Events

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<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 Hannah Nation and China Partnership https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</p>
<p>Summer RUF! Every Wed, beginning June 1st 3334 Dawson Street</p>	<p>Dinner at 6pm, Study at 7. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads welcome. Questions? callie.miller@ruf.org</p>
<p>Informal Frisbee McKnight Playground, McKnight Park Mondays 6:30PM</p>	<p>The youth group will be joining with the informal frisbee meeting with coming Monday for a thrilling game of ultimate frisbee. All skill levels are welcome!</p>
<p>Agora Forum Mon 6/27/22 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>We will be continuing our series on economics. Dave Snoke will be asking the question "What (if anything) does the Bible say about economics?" Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>

Groups

<p>College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</i> • <i>Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Wednesday Morning Prayer (Zachary@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Young Adult Women's Fellowship (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)</i> • <i>Informal frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)</i> • <i>Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)</i>

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

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