

# 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

"Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all."

- J. Hart 1759

### **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

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning All-Age Worship – July 30, 2023

Presider: Reverend John McCombs

# Call to Worship: 2 Samuel 22:26-32

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

Leader With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

People With the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

Leader You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.

People For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.

Leader For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

People This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

# Prayer of Invocation

#### Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity love and pow'r He is able, He is able He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty, glorify True belief and true repentance Ever'y grace that brings you nigh Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him This He gives you, this He gives you 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! incarnate God ascended Pleads the merit of His blood Venture on Him, venture wholly Let no other trust intrude None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.

Saints and angels joined in concert Sing the praises of the Lamb While the blissful seats of heaven Sweetly echo with His name "Hallelujah, hallelujah!" Sinners here may do the same.

## Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

#### 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

#### All I Have Is Christ

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin 2008)

Hallelujah all I have is Christ Hallelujah Jesus is my life

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace

Now Lord I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

### Call to Confession: Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

# Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess the many ways that our actions conflict with our confession of you as Lord. Since you are our Lord, you are Lord over every area of our lives. You are Lord of our families, our politics, our workplace, our bodies, our communities, our country and our minds. Forgive us for the areas of our lives we do not submit to your Lordship. Forgive us when our actions differ from our confession. Forgive us for allowing the fear of other lords to compromise our confession. Forgive us for our lack of preparation in our faith. Help us gracious Father, to abide in your love and care and to receive the forgiveness you so graciously offer. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 7:24-25

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

# **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 Firm a Foundation

(Words: R. Keene & George Keith 1787; Music: 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."

# **Pastoral Prayer**

We welcome children ages 4-7 to participate in hearing the Word of the Lord as preached by Pastor Joseph. If a drawing is presented at the end of the service, you will recieve a lollipop!

### Sermon:

Matthew 25:1-13

"Preparing for the Kingdom of Heaven"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamp and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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### Additional Scriptures

Matthew 7:21-23 / "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."

Matthew 22:2 / "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son..."

Matthew 26:41 / "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

# Creedal Response: Westminster Cofession of Faith Larger Catechism #87

Leader What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

People We are to believe, that, at the last day, there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which are laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of His resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to His glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonor by Him, as an offended judge.

# Songs of Thanksgiving

# Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted (Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted Bowed with fruitless sorrow down By the broken law convicted Through the cross behold the crown Look to Jesus (3x) Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it; Love will make your obedience sweet Christ will give you strength to bear it While His grace shall guide your feet Safe to glory (3x) Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him Blest the ears that hear His voice Blessèd are the souls that trust Him And in Him alone rejoice His commandments (3x) Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary Light to newly opened eyes Like full springs in deserts dreary Is the rest the cross supplies All who taste it (3x)Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus (3x) Mercy flows through Him alone

#### O Come To The Altar

(Words & Music: Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

### **Benediction**

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 12:11-21, "Paul's Parental Concern."

New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at 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	,
Mommies' Discipleship Group: Thursdays  Mommies' Discipleship Group meets twice a month on Thursday evening. Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Hebrews. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org	
Youth Missions Trip: Jeannette August 7-11th 1pm - 9pm  Mosaic Community Church has invited us back for our second youth missions trip to Jeannette! This year, we will be assisting with their soccer camp in the evening after doing our typical afternoon service and leadershitalks. Dates are August 7th-11th, from 1pm to 9pm. The will be some flexibility for people who can only attend evenings. Adult drivers needed, especially during the day! Please contact Amy Channell (amylee012012@gm com) or John McCombs (john@cityreformed.org) for mainfo	s p ere
PRISM Garage Giveaway: August 19  The Garage Giveaway is PRISM's big annual welcome event where we offer newly arrived international students and scholars the opportunity to acquire FREE furniture and small household appliances. Contact Jim Partridge if you have anything you would like to donat jim@cityreformed.org	ı
Sound Director Position Available  City Reformed is looking for a part-time Sound Director to begin as soon as possible. Job description available please send resume and interest to Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)	
College Ministry Needs  We're looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities to our ministries at CMU & Point Park starti this fall. If you are interested, please contact Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).	ng
Staff Update  We welcome back Sol Chan to our church staff! Sol began working part-time as the Office Manager on 7/1	5.

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Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.	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 August 7 & we will discuss, "the Holy Spirit and 'spirit-led' churches". Contact Alex Main(amain8511@gmail.com)
Bean Sprouts Ministry: Monthly	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.
Mens Discipleship	Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu ) if you are interested in getting more connected.
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: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.
Global Mission Prayer: Mondays @9PM	Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Youth Group Missions Trip to Jeannette. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/ crpcglobalprayer.
Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group	*New Leader & Location*: Wednesdays bi-weekly (beginning on July 19th) @ 7PM at Amelia Morrissey's Home on the North Side. For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com) .
Ultimate Frisbee: Thursdays @ 6PM	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

## Groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org)
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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)
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