

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

The Sabbath rest of God is the acknowledgement that God and God's people in the world are not commodities to be dispatched in endless production and so dispatched, as we used to say, as "hands" in the service of a command economy. Rather they are subjects situated in an economy of neighborliness. All of that is implicit in the reality and exhibit of divine rest.

- Walter Bruggeman

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [LIVESTREAM]

tinyurl.com/CRPClive

Church Office

3929 Coleman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15207

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM [CANCELED]

Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give

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

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning Worship – July 5, 2020 Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 62:5-8

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

Leader For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

People He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

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 Thev'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

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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

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?

In every condition, in sickness, in health; In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth; At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea, As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"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."

Call to Confession: Isaiah 9:2,4

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone... For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we long for true rest. We desire to be free from our fears and anxieties; from pressures and troubles. But we can't create peace on our own. We know that true peace comes from resting in our savior Jesus. Forgive us for our slowness to rest in him. Grant us grace to repent and release the burdens to which we cling. Help us to see Jesus as the one who brings us peace. Deepen our faith that we may see the wide mercy of Jesus and the everlasting love of the Living God. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes and 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).

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

(Words & Music: Steve & Vikki Cook 2008)

Come weary saints though tired and weak Hide away in the love of Jesus Your strength will return by His quiet streams Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come wand'ring soul and find your home Hide away in the love of Jesus He offers the rest that you yearn to know Hide away in the love of Jesus

Hear Him calling your name See the depths of His love In the wounds of His grace Hide away hide away

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin Hide away in the love of Jesus The freedom you long for is found in Him Hide away in the love of Jesus

Come hopeless hearts, do not despair Hide away in the love of Jesus For ten-thousand joys await you there Hide away in the love of Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 11:25-30

"Coming to God Weary" - Reverend Nameun Cho

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; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Genesis 2:1-3 / Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Exodus 20:1-2, 8-11 / And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery... Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

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Mark 2:27-28 / And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Hebrews 4:9-11 / So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Scriptural Response: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

Come to Me

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

You weighed down you are worried Child I see you child I know you Bring your burdens bring your labor Come to me

Come to me come to me Come to me if you are weary I will give you I will give you my rest

I am gentle I am humble Let me teach you let me show you Trade your burden mine is easy Come to me

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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

RE-OPENING POSTPONED

Worship Service remains CLOSED until further notice.

LIVESTREAM continues indefinitely.

- We have postponed reopening our worship service. Instead, the Allegheny County closure order means that we will need to shift our focus and return our service to the protocols that we used during the yellow phase.
- 2. We will comply with the general call of the closure order and keep our service size below 25.
- 3. We have moved to WT and will continue to hold our livestream service there.
- 4. We will continue our current masking policy for the worship services.

Please read Pastor Matt's most recent member letter online: cityreformed.org/covid19

Guidelines for Attending Official Church Gatherings "In-Person"	 Please continue all CDC recommended behavior for official gatherings. (Wash your hands, cough into your sleeve, avoid handshakes, etc.) If you have an infectious disease, do not attend until you are fever-free for 72 hours, 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared, and other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc) have improved. Please continue to observe social distancing by remaining six feet apart from the nearest person who is not part of your household group. Members who are highly vulnerable or who have had contact with infected persons should refrain from attending in-person. Please wear a facemask during the entirety of your participation. 	
Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM tinyurl.com/CRPCpray	We invite you to join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Feel free to send prayer requests to prayer@cityreformed.org.	
Work Days	Do you have some free time to work on the church building? Volunteers are welcome! Days and times are flexible, so please contact Gary to arrange (412-901-5266 or building@cityreformed.org).	

Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik Melchior (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.			
Make Connections via Online Media	As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work hard to develop healthy relationships through alternatimeans. 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 CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).			
Pastoral Devotionals tinyurl.com/ CRPCPastor.Joseph	Join Pastor Joseph online for encouragement while we are in our homes and away from each other.			

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 (kvanmeerbeke@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.

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