



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
July 7, 2024

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 future is as bright as the promises of God."

– *Adoniram Judson*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
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LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM
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Church)

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Presider: Elder Luke Kephart

Call to Worship: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 14-16,

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

Leader He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Leader Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

People **"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

Leader When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

People **With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."**

Prayer of Invocation

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

(Words: Charles Wesley 1747; Music: Lowell Mason 1839)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled chest!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till with heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Be Unto Your Name

(Words & Music: Gary Sadler & Lynn DeShazo 1998)

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name*

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Call to Confession: James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we live lives full of fear. We fear losing face, we fear not having enough, we fear others having things we don't have, we fear others rejecting us. We cover our fears in various ways: we project our fears onto others, we make ourselves hard and impervious, we cling to others to save us. We break your law because we fear our plans will fail. Ultimately it all comes down to this: we have not trusted you. O Lord, give us faith in you, to trust your plans for us. Be our confidence, our salvation, and our hope. Teach us to rest in you alone and to know your love through the grace of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: James 5:13-15

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online (cityreformed.org/give) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

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

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon.

Sermon: Genesis 20:1-18

"Hedging our Bets"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. ²And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ³But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife." ⁴Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, "Lord, will you kill an innocent people? ⁵Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this." ⁶Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. ⁷Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

⁸So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid. ⁹Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done." ¹⁰And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you did this thing?" ¹¹Abraham said, "I did it because I

thought, ‘There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’ ¹²Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. ¹³And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, ‘This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, “He is my brother.”’”

¹⁴Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵And Abimelech said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.”

¹⁶To Sarah he said, “Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated.” ¹⁷Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. ¹⁸For the LORD had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Genesis 12:10-13 / Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake."

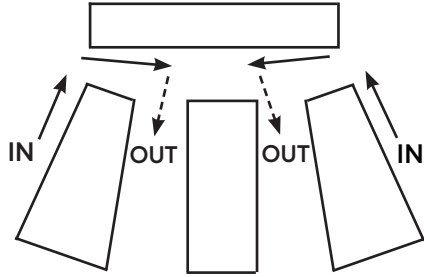
Proverbs 16:6 / By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

Matthew 2:12 / And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay _____

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When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Promises

(Aaron Moses, Carrington Gaines, Dante Bowe, Keila Alvarado, and Lemuel Marin 2020)

God of Abraham
You're the God of covenant
Of faithful promises
Time and time again
You have proven
You do just what you say

Though the storms may come
And the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn
When you speak a word
It will come to pass

*Great is your faithfulness to me
Great is your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun
To the setting same
I will praise your name
Great is your faithfulness to me*

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same
Your history can prove
There's nothing you can't do
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(repeat)

Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Matt Koerber will be preaching from 1 John 2:28-3:10, "Family Conduct."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Susannah Goodbye Prayer Time After AM service on TODAY</p>	<p>Please join the Mission Committee after July 7 AM service to pray with Susannah Clarke-Sonbare. Susannah is flying back to India soon with her daughter. There are many in the church who supported her last year while she navigated difficult medical situations when her baby was born prematurely. We praise God for His provisions through all of you and we'd love to send her back to India with a circle of prayer-time. Join after service in G8.</p>
<p>Summer College Student Bible Study Hosted by RUF</p>	<p>Summer College Student Bible Study hosted by RUF on Tuesdays, throughout June and July at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (Shadyside) Dinner at 6:30pm, Study and discussion at 7:30pm. 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>
<p>Women's Summer Bible Study: Thursdays, 1-3 PM</p>	<p>Becoming A Woman of Grace. Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 at Cathy Taylor's home in Churchill. Contact Cathy: Lawyerdad5@aol.com.</p>
<p>Women's Ministry Need</p>	<p>We are seeking a part-time women's ministry assistant. Job will be tailored to reflect the gifts and strengths of the individual filling this role, and a sample job description will be provided upon request. Please contact office@cityreformed.org</p>
<p>VBS Prep Party July 13, 9:30 AM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>VBS Prep Party July 13 at the Greenfield building at 9:30 AM. Come help us prepare for VBS! RSVP to lori@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School Time to Register: July 15-19</p>	<p>Registration is now OPEN at myvbs.org/CRPC. Stop by the VBS table after church to see what items you can donate and/or lend! All items are needed by July 7th.</p>
<p>All Community Group Picnic: Tuesday, July 16, 5:30 PM Vietnam Veterans Pavilion in Schenley Park</p>	<p>You are invited to join us! Each group is responsible for bringing their own food. Contact your group leader or liaison for details. There will be charcoal available for grilling. Come for a great evening of food, fellowship and games. If you don't belong to a community group, come anyway! It is a great way to connect with the community groups and find out which one has the best food! If you have any questions, contact Don McMillan at donmcmillan697@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Bethany Baptist Joint Picnic: Sunday, July 21, 1-6 PM</p>	<p>Bethany Baptist Church has invited our congregation to their annual church picnic. Sunday, July 21, 1-6 p.m. (They will hold their worship service at the park, starting at 10:30 am.) Monroeville Community Park/Shelter #4. Please contact Mark, mrkcrbn@gmail.com, to let him know if you are coming and what you will bring.</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday 7 PM: 3929 Coleman</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 July 8. Dr. Snoke will be giving a layman's introduction to Quantum Mechanics, based on his new book. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry: 3rd Wednesday 12PM</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch once a month is welcome. Contact Joe Stehle for more information: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Women's Prayer Group: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM Greenfield Chapel</p>	<p>Women's prayer group, meeting on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30 at Greenfield building. Come pray with us! If you plan to come, please contact Luda so we can add your prayer requests prior to meeting: 314-229-2023.</p>
<p>Mommies' Discipleship Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Colossians. Contact Sandy for more info: sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Additional Mommies Discipleship Group: 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:30AM - 11AM</p>	<p>This summer (May-August), Emily Schartner will be hosting at 1111 Morningside Avenue and we will be studying the Psalms together. On nice days, dads are encouraged to bring their kids to the Highland Park Super Playground for a playdate!</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings: 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer: Mondays @ 9 PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for missions partners. This week we will be praying for the Mission To The World (MTW), Bulgaria. Held on Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ 7 PM</p>	<p>Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Current study is: "Delight: A Walk through Psalms 1-30." For more info, contact Lindsay Karr (lindsay.karr@gmail.com).</p>
<p>CRPC Storytime: Bartlett Playground Second Monday of each month</p>	<p>SUMMER storytime for ALL kids will meet at Bartlett playground at 10 am on the second Monday of each month (7/8, 8/12, 9/9). Contact Taylor at taylorgilbride@gmail.com.</p>

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All scripture verses are the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.

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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* (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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