



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**August 29, 2021**

# 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

'A house divided against itself cannot stand.' I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved - I do not expect the house to fall - but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other.

- Abraham Lincoln, 1858

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213  
9AM LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207  
*SUNDAYS starting Sept 12, 2021 | 5:30PM*

### Church Office

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# Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – August 29, 2021  
Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-20

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

Leader He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.**

Leader And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People **And he is the head of the body, the church.**

Leader He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

People **And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

*(Words: Edward Perronet 1780; Music: Oliver Holden 1793)*

All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all

## What a Beautiful Name

*(Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood 2016 alternate 2nd verse by Daniel Snoke 2017)*

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in you our Christ

*What a beautiful name it is  
What a beautiful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

The Light of Life shines in the darkness  
And darkness has not overcome  
Grace and truth have come through Jesus  
And now God has been made known

*What a wonderful name it is  
What a wonderful name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and shame  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the name above all names

*What a powerful name it is  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus*

## **Call to Confession: Colossians 1:21-22**

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, you have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of your beloved Son. We look to him alone for redemption, we look to the cross of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask to be filled with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to walk in a manner that is pleasing to you and help us to be fruitful with good works. Strengthen us with all power according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. We give you thanks for the inheritance that you have prepared for us. We thank you that you are continuing to work for our good in all things to prepare us for our heavenly inheritance. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

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

## Hold Our Children | Psalm 78

*(Words and Music: Daniel Snoko & 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 would usually be dismissed for Children's Church, but will remain in the service today for our all-age service.*

## **Sermon: Matthew 12:22-32**

### **The Gospel of Matthew Part 3: "Christ and His Kingdom" "A House Divided"**

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- Reverend Matt Koerber

**T**hen a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup>And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" <sup>24</sup>But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." <sup>25</sup>Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup>But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup>Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>30</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. <sup>31</sup>Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup>And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**





## Additional Scripture

Matthew 4:17 / From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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Matthew 12:14 / But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

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Mark 9:40 / "For the one who is not against us is for us."

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John 1:9-11 / The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

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Revelation 20:1-3 / Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

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## Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

### Q. 26. How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

A. Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Lead Us Back

*(Words & Music: Brooks Ritter & Bobby Gilles 2006)*

Falling down upon our knees  
Sharing now in common shame  
We have sought security  
Not the cross that bears your name  
Fences guard our hearts and homes  
Comfort sings a siren tune  
We're a valley of dry bones  
Lead us back to life in you

Lord we fall upon our knees  
We have shunned the weak and poor  
Worshiped beauty courted kings  
And the things their gold affords  
Prayed for those we'd like to know  
Favor sings a siren tune  
We've become a talent show  
Lead us back to life in you

Lord you've caused the blind to see  
We have blinded them again  
With our man-made rules and laws  
Eager ready to condemn  
Now we plead before your throne  
Power sings a siren tune  
We've been throwing heavy stones  
Lead us back to life in you

We're a valley of dry bones  
Lead us back to life in you  
We've become a talent show  
Lead us back to life in you  
We've been throwing heavy stones  
Lead us back to life in you

## **Psalm 24 | We Long to See You**

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

Almighty God, we long to see you.  
Open our hearts and make them pure.  
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy.  
Come teach our souls to love your truth.

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org).

## Life Together

<p><b>Part-Time Positions at City Reformed</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b> oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week.</li> <li>• <b>Bookkeeper</b> - 15 hours a week!</li> </ul> <p>Job descriptions are found at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/employment.html">cityreformed.org/employment.html</a></p>
<p><b>Membership Class</b> Friday 9/24 @ 7-9:30 PM&amp; Saturday 9/25 @ 9-1PM</p>	<p>Join us at our next class to learn more about the church and/or become a member. Please RSVP on your Church Center App (go to Events) or online: <a href="https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/987408">https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/987408</a> Contact <a href="mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org">Nameun@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Men's &amp; Women's Discipleship Committees</b></p>	<p>Men and women who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at <a href="mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org">mdc@cityreformed.org</a> or Sandy at <a href="mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org">Sandy@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Nursery has NEW rooms!</b> Sundays 9AM</p>	<p><i>INFANT Nursery (0-23 months) will be upstairs in Room 112 &amp; TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) will be upstairs in Room 114. Please continue to preregister: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>.</i></p>
<p><b>Nursery Disciplers NEEDED!</b></p>	<p><i>If you would like to serve in the nursery to care for and disciple our littles, please sign up: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/servantcity">tinyurl.com/servantcity</a>. Clearances required.</i> Contact <a href="mailto:becki@cityreformed.org">becki@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Welcome Picnic</b> Sunday, September 26th Location: WT Parking Lot</p>	<p>Join us for lunch after our morning service to celebrate a new school year!</p>
<p><b>Congregational Prayers Needed</b></p>	<p>Would you consider being added to our Congregational Prayer Rotation list? It's a beautiful opportunity to serve those around us by hearing various voices lifting our requests to our Lord. Contact <a href="mailto:Chrissie@cityreformed.org">Chrissie@cityreformed.org</a></p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM</p>	<p>Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcworldprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcworldprayer</a> Contact <a href="mailto:zachary@cityreformed.org">zachary@cityreformed.org</a> for questions</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a></p>

<p><b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b></p>	<p>Informal gatherings of young adult women in the church with the purpose to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. Contact <b><i>Katelyn@cityreformed.org</i></b>.</p>
<p><b>Ladies Monday Bible Study</b> Mondays @ 6-7:30PM <i>Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</i></p>	<p>Every other Monday: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (<b><i>lawyerdad5@aol.com</i></b>)</p>
<p><b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service</b> Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the <b><i>Deacons@cityreformed.org</i></b>.</p>
<p><b>Evening Service</b> Sunday, September 12 @ 5:30PM <i>3929 Coleman St. Pittsburgh, PA 15207</i></p>	<p>Weekly indoor evening services resume September 12th.</p>

**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](http://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](http://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 (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

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## Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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](http://cityreformed.org).

### Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) with the following information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through [prayer@cityreformed.org](mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org).

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