



Sunday Morning Worship
August 30, 2020

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 just man who lives by faith [is] yet a pilgrim journeying to the celestial city...

- Augustine of Hippo, "The City of God"

If I can get to the Celestial City, I'm sure to live in safety there. I must continue, for to go back means nothing but death, but beyond it is life everlasting. I'll keep going forward."

- John Bunyan, "Pilgrim's Progress"

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [LIVESTREAM]

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 8/30 | 5-5:35 PM & 6-6:35PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot

5059 Ellsworth Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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

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Sunday Morning Worship – August 30, 2020
Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:3-7

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

Leader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

People **Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.**

Leader In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

People **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace....**

Prayer of Invocation

The Anthem

(Words & Music: Henry Seeley, Jonathan Hunt, & Liz Webber 2007)

By His stripes we are healed
By His nail pierced hands we're free
By His blood we're washed clean
Now we have the victory

The pow'r of sin is broken
Jesus overcame it all
He has won our freedom
Jesus has won it all

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*Hallelujah You have won the victory
Hallelujah You have won it all for me
'Cause death could not hold You down
You are the risen King
Seated in majesty
You are the risen King*

Our God is risen
He is alive
He won the victory
He reigns on high

Oh Give Thanks To The Lord

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

Call to Confession: Ephesians 2:11-13

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess to you that we have often set our sights too low. We have focused on money, entertaining ourselves, and avoiding pain. Like animals reacting to stimuli, we have often reacted to our passions and anger and pleasures without thought. Like mice, we have scurried in fear before the powers of this world.

Lord, lift up our eyes. We were made in your image, for something far greater. Your kingdom is an eternal and glorious kingdom, populated by people from every language, and tribe and nation. You have planned all history to culminate in your glorious city, the New Jerusalem, and we play a role in that story. All creation cries out to praise you, the Holy One. Change us, O Lord, to remember that our citizenship is in heaven and we are not mere animals or slaves of this world, for you have redeemed us through the blood of your Son. We praise you, for you alone are worthy for us to fix our eyes on. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:19-20

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone....

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; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Be Thou My Vision

(Translation: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Tune: "Slane")

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father thine own may I be
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee!

Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16, 12:1-2

"Overview: Journey to the City of God" - Reverend Matt Koerber

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God...

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city...

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Philippians 3:17-21 / Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Scriptural Response: Philippians 3:20-21

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Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land!
[Repeat]*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Words & Music: Sandra McCracken 2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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.

"Open" Evening Services

TONIGHT Sunday 8/30 @ 5-5:35 PM & 6-6:35 PM
Winchester Thurston **Parking Lot**, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213

Outdoor, socially distanced, **in-person** service held twice, with **communion** (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/open-service and see reminders below:

- If able to attend either time, last names **A-J attend 5:00PM & K-Z the 6:00PM.**
- **** BRING YOUR MASKS **** Mandatory mask policy for everyone over 2 years old.
No childcare provided.
- Bring your own **chairs** or blankets to sit on.
- **Park on the street** or along the campus driveways parallel to Ellsworth, Bayard & Morewood. *Do NOT park in the parking lot NOR adjacent to the field.* Handicap spots will be reserved near the Ellsworth entry and Bayard exit.
- **Walk to the courtyard parking lot for the service from Ellsworth Ave or Bayard St, by the field.**
- Stop by the **check-in table** to pick up a **bulletin**. Note that we are **checking in everyone** who attends. Consider downloading the **Church Center app** to check yourself in for the service in advance on your Android or iOS smartphone. Scan the QR code for the app.
- **No fellowship hour** - please **exit soon after Benediction.**
- REMINDER: continue all **CDC recommended behavior** (sanitize hands, cough into your sleeve, avoid handshakes/hugs, etc.) and maintain **social distance** by remaining 6 ft apart from those who are not part of your household group.
- 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.
- Members who are **highly vulnerable** should give special attention to their participation with any in-person activity.
- Members who have had **close contact with a COVID** positive person should follow guidelines for quarantine.
- Members who have **traveled out of state to a high risk** area should attend to government recommendations for reentry.



Morning Service Increased "In-Person" Attendance

Sundays @ 10:15 AM
Winchester Thurston, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213

There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up!
Sign up through Planning Center Services - My Schedule - Signup Sheets - Morning Service. For help with signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org.
Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.

<p>Welcome Picnics! Sun 9/13 & 9/27 @ 12:30-2pm @ <i>Bartlett Shelter, Schenley Park</i></p>	<p>Newcomers encouraged to attend! Pre-packaged lunch to be provided, BYO Picnic blanket! Limit of 50 per picnic, RSVP: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Contact Nameun@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Membership Class Fri 9/18 @ 7-9:30PM & Sat 9/19 @ 9-1PM</p>	<p>If you'd like to learn more about the church or become a member, please join us for our next class! Contact Pastor Nameun@cityreformed.org. RSVP online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events.</p>
<p>Regent Square CG Picnic Wed 9/2 @ 6:30PM <i>Outdoor field across from the Snoke's</i></p>	<p>If you are looking for a community group, or are interested in learning more about CGs, please join us! All you need to bring is a chair or blanket. Contact Irene (renew77@gmail.com) or Dave (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Morningside CG Picnic Wed 9/15 @ 6PM</p>	<p>We are happy for people to come and meet some new people. More details to come! Contact Jeff (jeffreypwinkler@gmail.com).</p>
<p>East Suburban OPEN CG Wed 9/16 @ 6:30 PM <i>Townsend Park Upper Pavilion, 130 Townsend Park Ct, Murrysville 15668</i></p>	<p>We would love to have any other "Eastern" folks join us, if only for the night to get to know each other. Working through the Gospel of Luke, and praying for each other, our families, and the church. Contact Joe (joestehle@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee: Are you interested in being mentored?</p>	<p>The Men's Discipleship Committee has a list of men who desire to mentor other men. If you are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, please contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).</p>
<p>Parenting Seminar 2021 Fri 2/5 Evening & Sat 2/6 Morning SAVE-THE-DATE!</p>	<p>We have the privilege of welcoming Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation (CCEF), as our guest speaker. Visit tinyurl.com/JulieLowe to learn more about Julie Lowe, read her articles, and view her books. More details to come! Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM tinyurl.com/CRPCpray</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>PRISM Garage Giveaway - Welcoming Int'l Students</p>	<p>Greatest needs are for chairs, small tables or desks, bookshelves, and kitchen appliances. Contact Susannah (sclarke.prism@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve & Connect with Our Church Families!</p>	<p>PARENTS, we have willing volunteers signed up to serve you by babysitting your children or being a parent helper! Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org. VOLUNTEERS, complete: tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT.</p>
<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</p>	<p>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.</p>

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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.

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.
