



Sunday Morning Worship
August 8, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

The third chapter of Hosea is, in my judgment, the greatest chapter in the Bible, because it portrays the greatest story in the Bible – the death of the Lord Jesus Christ for his people – in the most concise and poignant form to be found anywhere. Our study of Hosea's story has already shown that it is a pageant of the love of God for Israel, indeed, for his people in every place and age. But when we ask, "Where in the whole of human history is that love most clearly seen?" the answer is obviously, "At the cross of Christ." It is that cross and the work accomplished on that cross that is portrayed in this chapter. Hosea 3 shows us God's work of redemption – the work by which the Lord Jesus Christ delivered us from sin's bondage at the cost of his own life – portrayed in Hosea's purchase of his fallen wife from slavery.

- James Boice

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

9AM LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 8/8 | 6PM

Church Office

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Mail: Church Office address above "Attn:
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-8

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

Leader The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

People **For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Leader He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Leader Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Prayer of Invocation

Endless Light

(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Saviour

From a wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Saviour

*Lord of endless light
Let Your glory shine forever
All the earth
All the earth will sing Your praise*

*Hope of every heart
Let Your Name be lifted higher
All our hearts
All our hearts will sing Your praise*

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

God be exalted
God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory
Live for Your glory
(Repeat)

My Jesus I Love Thee

(Words: William Featherston 1864; Music: Adoniram Gordon 1876)

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Call to Confession: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Prayer of Confession

Father, you have made us, and you have redeemed us in Christ. You guard us and keep us by your Holy Spirit. You shower us with blessings and shield us from many harms. We have many reasons to trust you, for you have proved yourself to be faithful. And yet we struggle to trust you. Again and again we trust things that can be seen – our position, our money, our reputation, our abilities. Like Israel before us, we plan to 'flee on our swift horses.' We fail to find our strength in quietness before you. Remind us of your gospel promises. Help us to know the depth of your forgiveness and of your fatherly love. Give us grace to return to you and to trust Christ more fully. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Samuel 7:14-16

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

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).

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

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*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

Pastoral Prayer

At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents please have your children meet the teachers at the back of the sanctuary and pick them up after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: Hosea 1:2-3, 3:1-5

"The Gospel According to Hosea"

- Dr. Seulgi Byun

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." ³So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son...

^{3:1}And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." ²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." ⁴For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Jeremiah 2:2-3 / "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD, "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest. All who ate of it incurred guilt; disaster came upon them, declares the LORD."

Matthew 9:14-15 / Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

2 Corinthians 11:2 / For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Scriptural Response: Revelation 19:6-8

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

**For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.**

Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

it was granted her to clothe herself

with fine linen, bright and pure"—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Song of Thanksgiving

Parents are encouraged to pick up their children from Children's Church at this time.

His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

<p>Morning Service Sundays @ 9AM & 11AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>We have resumed serving communion on the first Sunday of the month. Morning Service Livestream at 9AM continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Evening Service OUTDOORS TONIGHT Sun, 8/8 @ 6PM WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>**NOTE: Evening Communion Services remain OUTDOORS through the summer. Also, please note the TIME CHANGE, service will begin at 6:00 PM. ** Please bring your own chairs/blankets to sit on. August services: August 8th and 22nd.</p>
<p>Part-Time Positions at City Reformed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Ministry Coordinator oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week. • Bookkeeper - 15 hours a week! <p>Job descriptions are found at: cityreformed.org/employment.html</p>
<p>Speak Peace Release Event Fri, 8/20 @ 6:30PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207</p>	<p>Join us as we worship together and celebrate Daniel's new album, Speak Peace. We will also be releasing the accompanying book and displaying the original artwork. Doors open at 630 and the music will start at 7. FREE with \$10 suggested donation. For more info, join the event on Facebook: bit.ly/3AMqs74</p>
<p>PRISM Garage Giveaway 8/20 - 8/21</p>	<p>PRISM is collecting donations of small furniture and appliances for international students. Key needs: volunteers, drivers, lifters for giveaway days. <i>Drop-off days:</i> August 16, 17, 18 from 10AM to 8PM <i>Setup & Sorting:</i> August 16-19 from 10AM to 8PM <i>Giveaway days:</i> August 20 & 21 Contact Bernadette (bfischer.prism@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Congregational Prayers Needed</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 Chrissie@cityreformed.org</p>

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<p>Women's Informal Gatherings Social events for women of all ages!</p>	<p>Saturday, August 14 @10AM-1PM - North Park Outing. Come to North Park for the morning & stay for lunch at noon if you would like!</p> <p>Wednesday, August 18 @6-7:30PM - Biddle's Escape Food Truck (Mobile Chef). Enjoy dinner and/or coffee! (401 Biddle Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221)</p> <p>Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Nursery Ministry Open Sundays 9AM</p>	<p>INFANT (0-23 months) & TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) has reopened in the Dance Studio (G8). Please pre-register: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations.</p> <p>Nursery Disciplers NEEDED! If you would like to serve in the nursery to care for and disciple our littles, please sign up: tinyurl.com/servantcity. Contact Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Agora Forum Mon, 8/9 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207 tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</p>	<p>We will continue our three-part series on apologetics led by David Snoke.</p> <p>Contact Alex (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</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 Katelyn@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Ladies Monday Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</p>	<p>Every other Monday: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)</p>
<p>Men's & Women's Discipleship Committees</p>	<p>Men and women who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact: Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org or Sandy@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service 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 Deacons@cityreformed.org.</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

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 (kspallinger@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.

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.
