



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**September 26, 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

In Jesus, the one great kingdom of the future has become present.

- Herman Ridderbos, "The Coming of the Kingdom"

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM

Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

### Church Office

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
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# Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship – September 26, 2021

Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 72: 18-19

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

Leader Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People **Blessed be his glorious name forever;**

Leader May the whole earth be filled with his glory!

People **Amen and Amen!**

## Prayer of Invocation

## All Creatures of Our God and King

*(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900)*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 22:12–17

## All Things New

(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; Music: Clint Wells 2009)

Come Lord and tarry not  
Bring the long-looked-for day  
O why these years of waiting here  
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait  
Daily ascends their sigh  
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"  
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new  
Come and make all things new  
Come and make all things new  
Build up this broken earth  
Come and make all things new  
All things new*

Come for creation groans  
Impatient while you stay  
Worn out in labor pains of hope  
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold  
Its steps are faint and slow  
Our faith is pressed by unbelief  
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## 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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

## Silent Confession

## **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:12-14**

... The Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 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).*

## **Jesus I My Cross Have Taken**

*(Words: Henry Lyte 1825 Music: Bill Moore 2001)*

Jesus I my cross have taken  
All to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute despised forsaken  
Thou from hence my all shall be  
Perish every fond ambition  
All I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition  
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me  
They have left my Savior too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me  
Thou art not like them untrue  
O while Thou dost smile upon me  
God of wisdom love, and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me  
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast  
Life with trials hard may press me  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest  
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me  
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure  
Come disaster scorn and pain  
In Thy service pain is pleasure  
With Thy favor loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather  
All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station  
Something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee  
Think what Father's smiles are thine  
Think that Jesus died to win thee  
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee  
God's own hand shall guide us there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days  
Hope shall change to glad fruition  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

# 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: Matthew 13:24-35

### The Gospel of Matthew, Part 3: Christ and His Kingdom "The Kingdom in a Mustard Seed"

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- Reverend Matt Koerber

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

<sup>31</sup>He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup>It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

<sup>34</sup>All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. <sup>35</sup>This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables;

I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional Scripture

Matthew 13:36-43/ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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Habakkuk 2:14/ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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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 12:28/ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you

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## Scriptural Response: Hebrews 12:26-29

Leader At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

People **This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.**

Leader Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,

People **And thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Psalm 126

*(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)*

Our mouths, they were filled,  
Filled with laughter;  
Our tongues, they were loosed,  
Loosed with joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,  
Lord help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
For the day You will reap them.  
Your sheaves we will carry;  
Lord, please do not tarry!  
All those who sow weeping  
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say  
"He has done great things!"  
The nations will sing  
Songs of joy.  
Restore us, O Lord!  
Restore us, O Lord!

## **Glorify Thy Name**

*(Words & Music: Donna Adkins 1976)*

Father we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

## **Prayer**

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

## Upcoming Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>Roses</b>	Celebrating Sam & Vipin Philip's daughter Anna Theodora Philip and Hannah & Steve Funni's son Stephen Elliot Funni.
<b>Agora Forum</b> Mon 9/27/21 @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St., 15207	We will be watching and discussing the first half of the movie "The Hiding Place", about Corrie Ten Boom and her family, Christians whose faith was the ground for their work with the Dutch resistance during Holocaust. Contact Alex ( <a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a> ).
<b>Community Group Fair</b> Sunday 10/3	Interested in joining a community group? Come check out our community group fair after service on October 3rd! Contact <a href="mailto:Joseph@cityreformed.org">Joseph@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Women's Informal Gathering</b> Friday 10/1 @ 6:30-9:30PM 436 Hillview Dr. New Kensington	Campfire and s'mores at Linda Kephart's home (436 Hillview Drive, New Kensington, PA 15068). Contact: <a href="mailto:lindaskep@gmail.com">lindaskep@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Seminar: Carl Ellis</b> Saturday evening October 16 3929 Coleman St.	Come hear a seminar from Dr. Carl Ellis Biblical Interaction with Critical Race Theory. Livestream options available.

## Volunteer Needs

<b>Tear Down</b>	Our expanded services have brought an increased load on the tear down team. If you are interested in joining the rotation for tear down, please email <a href="mailto:zachary@cityreformed.org">zachary@cityreformed.org</a>
<b>Sunday School Disciplers</b>	Interested in being a Sunday School teacher or co-teacher? Contact <a href="mailto:Becki@cityreformed.org">Becki@cityreformed.org</a> . Teachers needed in <b>Toddler</b> and <b>Pre-K</b> . Co-teachers needed in <b>ALL</b> classes older than Toddler!

# Regular Events

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<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> Wednesdays 8:30- 9:30 AM	Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer"><b>https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</b></a>
<b>Global Missions Prayer</b> Fridays @ 6:30- 7 AM	Please consider praying with us for our mission partners on Friday mornings. Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer"><b>https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</b></a> Contact <a href="mailto:zachary@cityreformed.org"><b>zachary@cityreformed.org</b></a> for questions

# Groups

<b>College Students</b> please refer to campus ministry contacts below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (<a href="mailto:ncho@ccojubilee.org">ncho@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li><li>• CCO at PPU: Katelyn Spallinger (<a href="mailto:kspallinger@ccojubilee.org">kspallinger@ccojubilee.org</a>)</li><li>• RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (<a href="mailto:dbates@ruf.org">dbates@ruf.org</a>), Callie Miller (<a href="mailto:callie.miller@ruf.org">callie.miller@ruf.org</a>)</li><li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents"><b>cityreformed.org/collegestudents</b></a></li></ul>
<b>Community Groups</b> 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 ( <a href="mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org">joseph@cityreformed.org</a> ) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/community-groups"><b>cityreformed.org/community-groups</b></a></li></ul>
<b>Specialty Groups</b> meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups"><b>cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups</b></a></li></ul>

# Contact

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**Young Adult Women's Fellowship:** [Katelyn@cityreformed.org](mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org)

Our church staff is reevaluating our regular communications and would like your input! You can find our communication survey at:

[\*\*tinyurl.com/crpccommunicationfeedback\*\*](http://tinyurl.com/crpccommunicationfeedback)

# Community Groups

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## Sunday

Fox Chapel- Watson Barker

North Hills- David Bacon

## Tuesday

Forest Hills- Adam Schwab

Northside- Joe Benscoter & Nathan Schartner

Friendship- Michael Hilton

Morningside- Jeff Winkler

## Wednesday

Near East Suburban- Jim Partridge

Regent Square- David Snoke

Greenfield- Matt Koerber

Baldwin/Greenfield- Joseph Bianco

East Suburban- Joe Stehle

## Thursday

Greenfield/ North Oakland- Ben Chidester

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