



Sunday Evening Worship
July 28, 2019

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do! If you would like more information, please refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

Now many of us have no problem at all with the idea of Jesus' goodness being given to us by faith, even though we've done nothing to deserve it. What we're much less keen on is the idea that Adam's badness has been given to us. How can this be? One way of explaining it is called federalism.

In biblical federalism, not only do we bear the consequences of the representatives God chose for us, but we are also regarded as having done what our representative did. Adam was our representative, just as—later on in history—Jesus was our representative. Succeeding where our first representative failed, Jesus lived a perfect life on our behalf and took the punishment for sin on our behalf. So, if we're united to Christ by faith, God counts us as perfectly righteous because our representative, Jesus Christ, is perfectly righteous.

Christ's obedience becomes our obedience.

And in the same way, because he was our representative, when Adam fell, we fell too. His disobedience became our disobedience. That means we are held accountable for what he did because he was our representative.

- RC Sproul

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Twentieth Century Club
4201 Bigelow Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)

Church Office (Open Tues - Fri)

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:30PM
3929 Coleman St.
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Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give
Mail: to the Church Office address above
"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 57:7-11

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

- Leader My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
- People I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- Leader For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
- People Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:11-18

Psalm 27 | The Everlasting

(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is the strength of my life,
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?

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I will wait for you, I will wait for you.
I will wait for you, I will wait for you.

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord
I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You.
We set our hope on Your love.
We set our hope on the Lord,
Who is the everlasting God.
You are the everlasting God.

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.

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.

Call to Confession: Luke 1:50-53

And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 85:6-9

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 1:76-79

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Song of Renewal

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
Worshipped 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

Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 2 Samuel 21:1-14

"Followup Teaching on Corporate Sin" - David Snoke

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year. And David sought the face of the LORD. And the LORD said, "There is bloodguilt on Saul and on his house, because he put the Gibeonites to death." ²So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the people of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites. Although the people of Israel had sworn to spare them, Saul had sought to strike them down in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah. ³And David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And how shall I make atonement, that you may bless the heritage of the LORD?" ⁴The Gibeonites said to him, "It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said, "What do you say that I shall do for you?" ⁵They said to the king, "The man who consumed us and planned to destroy us, so that we should have no place in all the territory of Israel, ⁶let seven of his sons be given to us, so that we may hang them before the LORD at Gibeath of Saul, the chosen of the LORD." And the king said, "I will give them."

⁷But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Saul's son Jonathan, because of the oath of the LORD that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. ⁸The king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite; ⁹and he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the mountain before the LORD, and the seven of them perished together. They were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the beginning of barley harvest.

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¹⁰Then Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until rain fell upon them from the heavens. And she did not allow the birds of the air to come upon them by day, or the beasts of the field by night. ¹¹When David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done, ¹²David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, on the day the Philistines killed Saul on Gilboa. ¹³And he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of his son Jonathan; and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. ¹⁴And they buried the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan in the land of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father. And they did all that the king commanded. And after that God responded to the plea for the land.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 / "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance."

Deuteronomy 24:16 / "Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin."

Joshua 11:19-20 / There was not a city that made peace with the people of Israel except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. They took them all in battle. For it was the LORD's doing to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battle, in order that they should be devoted to destruction and should receive no mercy but be destroyed, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Nehemiah 7:6-7, 25 / These were the people of the province who came up out of the captivity of those exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile. They returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his town. They came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel... The sons of Gibeon, 95.

Galatians 3:13 / Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"...

Sermon Outline

Corporate identity in Scripture is both bonding and inclusive

- I. The story of the Gibeonites
 - A. An example of inclusion in the kingdom of God
 - B. An example of multiple identities
- II. The bloodguilt of Saul's family
 - A. The seriousness of the crime: Racial genocide and covenant breaking
 - B. Imputation by connection
 - C. Spiritual reality versus legal practice
- III. Atonement
 - A. Hanging on a tree as a Curse
 - B. The way Jesus is foreshadowed in this passage

Song of Thanksgiving

In Christ Alone

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Please join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service. If you would like to contact a pastor, please email john@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

Agora Forum Thur 7/29 @ 7PM G-10 Allen Hall 3941 O'Hara St., 15213	We will look through the examples of fasting that are laid out in the Bible, discuss the purpose, common pitfalls, and how Christian fasting can be done properly.
Group Prayer Thur 8/8 @ 7:30PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207	Pray with us every other Thursday. Have a prayer request but can't come? Contact Elizabeth Conley (elizabethpconley@gmail.com).
Indoor Yard Sale Building Fundraiser Sat 8/10 @ 9AM-2PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207	Tell your friends and neighbors to swing through and check out the bargains. Anybody interested in helping that day or providing baked goods, contact Molly Crocker (missacrocker@gmail.com) or Gary Atcheson (gatcheson@gmail.com).
PRISM Garage Giveaway Sat 8/17 <i>Bellefield Pres. Church</i> 4001 Fifth Ave. 15213	Show the love of Christ to international students by providing donated household items. Donation drop-off & Sorting: Tues 8/13 - Thurs 8/15 @ 10AM-8PM. Volunteer opps available. Contact Christa Saenz (christa.prism@gmail.com).
Membership Class Fri 8/23 @ 7-9:30PM Sat 8/24 @ 9AM-1PM 3929 Coleman St 15207	Come learn more about our church! Lunch is provided on Saturday. Sign up: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events . Contact Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org).
Ethiopia Medical Missions Team 2020 1/11-19	Provide healthcare and share God's word through the ACT Project: ethiopiaact.org . Contact Nameun Cho (nameun@cityreformed.org).
Sunday School Teachers NEEDED!	Consider serving as a teacher (lead or aid) 9/8/19 - 5/31/20. Updated clearances and attendance at our volunteer training meeting on 8/25 are required. Contact Charis Byun (charis@cityreformed.org).