



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**October 4, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..."

- John 6:67-68

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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### Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 10/11 | 5 PM & 6 PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot  
5059 Ellsworth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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# Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 145:8-14

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

Leader The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People **The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Leader All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

People **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Leader Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. *The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.*

People **The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### O Worship The King

*(Words: Robert Grant 1833; Music: Johann Haydn 1700's)*

O worship the King all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His power and His love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

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O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite  
It breathes in the air it shines in the light  
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail  
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail  
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship Thee above  
The humbler creation though feeble their ways  
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise

## **Lion and the Lamb**

*(Words & Music: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring 2015)*

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
And every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Who can stop the Lord almighty  
Who can stop the Lord almighty  
*Repeat*

## **Call to Confession: 1 Peter 5:6-7**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Father, we long for true rest. We desire to be free from our fears and anxieties; from pressures and troubles. But we can't create peace on our own. We know that true peace comes from resting in our savior Jesus.**

**Forgive us for our slowness to rest in him. Grant us grace to repent and release the burdens to which we cling. Help us to see Jesus as the one who brings us peace. Deepen our faith that we may see the wide mercy of Jesus and the everlasting love of the Living God. Amen**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 3:11, 25-26**

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." ...But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

## **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).*

## Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

*(Words: Joseph Swain 1785; Music: Kevin Twit 2013)*

Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown  
Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your obedience sweet  
Christ will give you strength to bear it  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory (3x)  
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him  
Blest the ears that hear His voice  
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him  
And in Him alone rejoice  
His commandments (3x)  
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary  
Light to newly opened eyes  
Like full springs in deserts dreary  
Is the rest the cross supplies  
All who taste it (3x)  
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus (3x)  
Mercy flows through Him alone

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: Hebrews 10:26-39

Forward in Faith: "Forward or Back?"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

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*10:19-25 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus... and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near... Let us hold fast the confession... And let us [encourage]...*

**F**or if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup>but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. <sup>28</sup>Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup>How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup>For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." <sup>31</sup>It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

<sup>32</sup>But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup>sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. <sup>34</sup>For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

<sup>35</sup>Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup>For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup>For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; <sup>38</sup>but my righteous one shall live by

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faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

<sup>39</sup>But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

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

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Proverbs 9:10 / The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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Habakkuk 1:3b-4 / Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

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Matthew 7:13-14 / "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

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1 Corinthians 10:12 / Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

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Galatians 6:1 / Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

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Hebrews 12:7 / It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

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1 Peter 4:17 / For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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Jude 1:24-25 / Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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## Scriptural Response: 2 Timothy 2:11-13

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

### Stronger

*(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan 2007)*

There is Love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me

*You are stronger, you are stronger  
Sin is broken, you have saved me  
It is written, "Christ is risen"  
Jesus You are Lord of all*

No beginning and no end  
You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost  
You paid it all upon the cross

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher

### For All the Saints

*(Words: William W. How 1864; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

For all the saints, Who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith Before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, Be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

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Thou wast their rock, Their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain In the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness Drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction

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

## Life Together

<b>Women's Mentor Ministry Fall Picnic</b> TODAY @ 12:30-2:00 PM <i>Bartlett Shelter, Schenley Park</i>	Women of all ages interested in learning more about the role of a mentor or being paired with a mentor are invited to come and enjoy time to connect with old and new friends. Picnic lunch provided. Bring a mask, blanket or chair. <i>Please join us even if you haven't signed up yet!</i> Talk with Sandy ( <a href="mailto:sandy@cityreformed.org">sandy@cityreformed.org</a> ) or Zenny ( <a href="mailto:zenny@cityreformed.org">zenny@cityreformed.org</a> ).
<b>Attend Morning Service "In-Person"</b> Sundays @ 10:15 AM <i>WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</i>	There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up! Sign up on your Church Center App or online: <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a> . Contact Sol ( <a href="mailto:sol@cityreformed.org">sol@cityreformed.org</a> ). Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.

<p><b>Adult Class on Introduction to Christianity</b>  In-Person (masks &amp; socially distanced)  TODAY, 15 min after service  WT Dining Hall</p>	<p>In-person class taught by Dr. David Snoke; bring a lunch. Register on your Church Center App or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Appropriate for young adults, those new to Christianity, and those having doubts. Contact David (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p><b>Open Evening Services</b>  NEXT Sun 10/11 @ 5 &amp; 6 PM  WT <b>Parking Lot, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</b></p>	<p><b>Outdoor</b>, socially distanced, <b>in-person</b> service held twice, with <b>communion</b> (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/open-service">cityreformed.org/open-service</a>.</p>
<p><b>Hiring CRPC Staff Position: Director of Sound, Tech, &amp; Design</b></p>	<p>CRPC is looking to hire a part-time Director of Sound, Tech, and Design to oversee our A/V and web needs. Contact Daniel (dsnoke@ccojubilee.org) or Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p><b>Adult CE by Irwyn Ince, "The Beautiful Community: Unity, Diversity, and the Church at Its Best"</b>  Sat 10/17 @ 7:00 PM  IN-PERSON: 3929 Coleman St., 15207  LIVESTREAM link to follow</p>	<p>Dr. ince addresses the gospel imperative for churches to demolish dividing walls within and move towards wholeness and reconciliation. Books are available for purchase in the foyer. Sign up to attend in-person on your Church Center App or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact John@cityreformed.org. For those of you who missed the webinar by Dan Strange on "Plugged In", please find the recording online: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/seminars">cityreformed.org/seminars</a>.</p>
<p><b>Christian Scientific Society (CSS) Meeting: "Is the Natural World Good or Bad?"</b>  Sat 10/24 @ 10AM - 4PM  Webinar</p>	<p>Address the general question of whether nature is "fallen," and if so, what that means. The event is free to the public, with a suggested donation. More info found on: <a href="http://christianscientific.org">christianscientific.org</a>. Contact David (snoke@pitt.edu).</p>
<p><b>Parenting Seminar 2021</b>  Fri 2/5 Evening &amp;  Sat 2/6 Morning  SAVE-THE-DATE!</p>	<p>Guest speaker: Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling &amp; Educational Foundation. Visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/JulieLowe">tinyurl.com/JulieLowe</a> to learn more about her. Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM</b>  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/prayCRPC">tinyurl.com/prayCRPC</a></p>	<p>Note NEW LINK. Join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Send prayer requests to <a href="mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org">prayer@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Men's Discipleship Committee</b></p>	<p>MEN, interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (ahs27@pitt.edu).</p>
<p><b>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve &amp; Connect with Our Church Families!</b></p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT">tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT</a>. PARENTS, if you need a babysitter or a parent helper, contact Becki (becki@cityreformed.org).</p>

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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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