



Sunday Morning Worship
June 21, 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 benefit of the doubt is something we always want from others but have a hard time extending.

- Shai Linne

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [LIVESTREAM]

tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM [CANCELED]

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Greenfield)

Donations

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Worship Service

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Presider: Mr. David Snoke

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3-5

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

Leader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People **According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Leader To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

People **Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Prayer of Invocation

Rising Sun

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan, Kyle Lee, and David Leonard 2012)

Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Jesus you're greater than the rising sun*

Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Psalm 103 | Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1834; Music: Christopher Miner 1998)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish
Blows the wind and it is gone
But while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the high eternal One

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Call to Confession: Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are our father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands. Forgive us, Lord, for how we have corrupted your good creation.

Gracious Lord, you alone are righteous and holy, and in your presence no one can stand. Your gracious mercy is our only hope and we ask for your forgiveness. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, clothe us in righteousness, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray for these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes and offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. While we are unable to receive your contributions in-person, please direct all giving to our website or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: att 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

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 9:9-13

"Mercy" - Reverend Matt Koerber

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 66:1-3 / Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations..."

Hosea 6:6-7 / For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.

Matthew 5:17-20 / "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly,
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I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 7:1-5 / "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

Matthew 12:6-8 / "I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. And if you had known what this means, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Matthew 18:32-35 / "Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 23:23 / "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."

Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 87. What is repentance that leads to life?

A. Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

There Is A Fountain

(Words & Music: William Cowper & Lowell Mason 1772)

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away (3x)
And there have I though vile as he
Washed all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more (3x)
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die (3x)
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save (3x)
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I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

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Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

Psalm 100 | All People That on Earth

(Words: William Kethe 1500's; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

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.

City Reformed is planning to move to a socially distanced and open worship service at Winchester Thurston beginning as soon as July 5, 2020.	
Attending Sunday Service "In-Person" for 60 Max Attendance	Sign up by emailing sol@cityreformed.org . Next week we invite people to fill open seats. Anyone who signs up is agreeing to abide by the guidelines for official activities (as outlined in the 5/14 member letter), including wearing a facemask throughout the service.

Zoom Call for Children Sun 6/21 @ 12PM	Children, meet with Pastor Matt & Chrissie today! For Zoom link, contact Charis (charis@cityreformed.org).
Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCpray</i>	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.
City Women's Literary Society (CWLS) Tues 6/23 @ 7:30-9PM	Join us as we discuss <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis! For the Zoom link, contact Kimberly (ksgirard@gmail.com).
Work Days	Do you have some free time to work on the church building? Volunteers are welcome! Days and times are flexible, so please contact Gary to arrange (412-901-5266 or building@cityreformed.org).
Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List	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.
Make Connections via Online Media	As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).
Pastoral Devotionals <i>tinyurl.com/CRPCPastorJoseph</i>	Join Pastor Joseph online for encouragement while we are in our homes and away from each other.

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

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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.
