



Sunday Morning Communion Worship
June 4, 2023

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

"On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations."

- *Isaiah 25:6-7*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
3929 Coleman Street
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

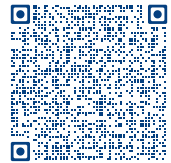
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-5

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

Leader "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Leader Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

People **Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.**

Leader Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

People **Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out
Shall not return, not return empty

*It shall make a name for the LORD
It shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down
Come seek the Lord while he may be found

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace
Join in the song all creation sing

*We shall make a name for the LORD
We shall make a name for the LORD
Let the Light make a name for the LORD
In the dark*

This Is My Father's World

(Words: Maltbie D. Babcock 1900 &; Music: English Folk Melody)

This is my Father's world.
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings,
And round him rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world!
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas.
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
The birds their carols raise
The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world!
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget.
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle has been won;
Jesus who died
Shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Call to Confession: Jeremiah 2:13

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Prayer of Confession: From a reflection on C. S. Lewis's *The Weight of Glory*

Father, your promises to us are staggering. We have an inheritance that is beyond our wildest dreams. You have invited us to a life filled with meaning and purpose in which we complete the good works you have prepared for us from the foundation of the earth. You have given us people to love and a message to share. And yet we confess that we are far too easily pleased. We are often half-hearted creatures and we fool around with food and fun and ambition. We fail to love our neighbors as we should and we fall short of the lives you call us to live. Forgive us and change us. Teach us to love what is holy and glorious and beautiful. Teach us to hate sin and wickedness and deception. Tune our hearts to love you and sing your praises. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as[a] the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

God The Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

(Words & Music: Aaron Keyes and Pete James 2016)

God the uncreated One
The Author of salvation
Wrote the laws of space and time
And fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever
He is King forever
He is King forevermore

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever
Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy holy holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever
King of kings forever
King of kings 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 from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon:

Matthew 22:1-14

"Kingdom Feast"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and

invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

Galatians 3:25-27 / 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. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Ephesians 5:31-32/ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

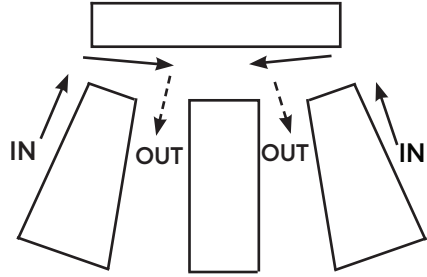
Revelation 19:6-8 / Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb 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."

Revelation 21:2 / And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-communicating children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the two outer circles of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. Because Jesus used wine during the first communion service, we believe using real wine is beneficial. However, participants are welcome to choose. There is also gluten-free bread available on each plate.



Please join us in song as we celebrate Christ dwelling with his church in the sacrament of communion.

Songs of Communion

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

(Words: Isaac Watts 1707; Music: Old Irish Melody)

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cries with thankful tongue
Lord why was I a guest

Why was I made to hear your voice
And enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice
And rather starve than come

Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in
Else we had still refused to taste
And perished in our sin

Pity the nations O our God
Constrain the earth to come
Send your victorious Word abroad
And bring the strangers home

We long to see your churches full
That all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul
Sing your redeeming grace

Mystery

(Words & Music: Charlie Hall 2008)

Christ has died and
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

(Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker 2020)

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Nameun Cho will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5 "A Gracious Integrity"

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

Volunteers Needed for VBS!	Our theme this year is Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity. Kids will learn from Daniel each day, and will have opportunities to share their faith with the "Babylonians" they meet at the marketplace and during games. Sign up to attend or volunteer at www.myvbs.org/CRPC
VBS Volunteer Kickoff and Training: June 11, after service.	If you are serving at VBS this summer as a youth or adult volunteer, please plan to attend our VBS Kickoff and Training event next Sunday June 11th, for 30 minutes after church in G8! Sing some songs, get a preview of some of our decorations, and get started on training.
Parking Information	With soccer season upon us, we are hoping to save the parking lot for those that have strollers and/or have needs to enter the handicapped entrance. If you can street park, please do. Otherwise, if you use the lot consider putting a "park behind me" magnet & pull forward.
New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at CRPC	Have you recently lost a family member or friend? GriefShare is an international, biblically based ministry to help you navigate and receive support in your grief journey after the loss of a loved one. Support group meeting times TBD. Contact Katrina (katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com). Check out Griefshare.org
Women's Summer Study Tuesdays @ 7:30-9PM, from June 6th - July 18th	Join us for a six-week study on Jen Wilkin's book "Ten Words to Live By" meeting on Tuesday nights from 6/6-7/18 from 7:30-9pm (except 7/4) at Sam's Highland Park home. Contact Rachael Leuenberger (raleuen@gmail.com) or Sam Phillip (samantharaephilip@gmail.com) for more info!
Bliss (Megan and Aaron) celebration: Wednesday, June 14, 6-9pm.	Come and join the Regent Square Community Group as we send Aaron and Megan off to Baltimore with food, laughter, prayers, and hugs. We will gather at the Snoke home, 955 LaClair Street, 15218. Feel free to stop by anytime during 6-9pm to say goodbye to these dear friends of our church family.
Men and Boys of CRPC! Camping Trip: Moraine State Park 5 Points Group Campground: June 30 - July 2	No registration or cost for coming. And opportunities for many activities such as ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Mr.Luke's boat, bike riding, swimming, maybe even rockclimbing! Downside is we are providing spiritual food only (devotions), the rest is on you! FYI, there are modern bathrooms available, but no showers. Those with disabilities can reserve a spot in a modern cabin with Luke Kephart. So bring your sons and invite your friends and neighbors!! Questions can be directed to Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) or Jim Partridge (partridge.je6@gmail.com).

Regular Events

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<p>Agora Forum: Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is June 12. We will be continuing our summer series "How to think about God". Often we brush over the deep theology of God's nature, on such things as the Trinity, God's eternity, why God wants worship, his relationship to creation, etc. Some things are a mystery, but the Bible also tells us much. In this series we will look at the basic theology of God, drawing from the creeds of the historical church. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p>Game NIGHT: THIS WEEK: June 5th: 6-9PM</p>	<p>Join us June 5th from 6-9PM for the next monthly board game night (first Monday of each month) in the Greenfield chapel. Contact Gary Atcheson for more details gatcheson@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Bean Sprouts Ministry June 14, 12pm</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crcpwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Jeff and Jamie in SouthEast Asia. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crcpglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): For more info contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee 12:45 Sundays</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us after Church (12:45) at Westinghouse Park.</p>
<p>Summer RUF @ Breeden Abode Dinner at 6pm</p>	<p>Thursdays, starting on June 1st at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (Shadyside) Dinner at 6.00pm, Study + Discussion at 7.00pm. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact gavin.breeden@ruf.org or callie.miller@ruf.org</p>

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: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- **Agora Forum- Alex Main** (amain8511@gmail.com)
- **Men's New Hope** (Joseph@cityreformed.org)
- **Mommies' Group** (Sandy@cityreformed.org)
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** (Nameun@cityreformed.org)
- **Men's Discipleship Committee** (mdc@cityreformed.org)
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- **Ultimate Frisbee** (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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