



Sunday Evening Service
February 2, 2020

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

A sinner can no more repent and believe without the Holy Spirit's aid than he can create a world.

- Charles Spurgeon

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston School
Entrance: 5059 Ellsworth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)

Church Office (Open Tues - Fri)

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM
3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Greenfield)

Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give
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"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to
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Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

Call to Worship: Psalm 104:24-30

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

Leader O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.

People **There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it. These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.**

Leader When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

People **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

Every mouth that cries for food,
Every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,
King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made,
God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,
Every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,
And the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise:
To the God who made all things,
To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

The Anthem

(Words & Music: Henry Seeley, Jonathan Hunt, & Liz Webber 2007)

By His stripes we are healed
By His nail pierced hands we're free
By His blood we're washed clean
Now we have the victory

The pow'r of sin is broken
Jesus overcame it all
He has won our freedom
Jesus has won it all

*Hallelujah You have won the victory
Hallelujah You have won it all for me
'Cause death could not hold You down
You are the risen King
Seated in majesty
You are the risen King*

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Our God is risen
He is alive
He won the victory
He reigns on high

Catechism Readings: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q. 30. How does the Spirit apply the redemption purchased by Christ to us?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by creating faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our *effectual calling*.

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit by which, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:30-32

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God and merciful Father, we confess that we have grieved you. In every sin and in all our rebellion, we have forgotten the grief we inflict upon the Holy Spirit when we sin. We have disregarded you by pretending our sin is only against our fellow man, while ignoring that our sin is primarily against you. Forgive us for excusing sin as small or unnoticed; forgive us for acting like you don't see every act of faithlessness; forgive our lack of love and dependence upon your Spirit. Renew and restore us we pray, in Christ's most holy name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 51:12-17

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We do not take a formal offering in our evening service. If you feel led to contribute as an act of worship, an offering box is available in the back corner of the sanctuary.

Living Stones | 1 Peter 2:1-12

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)

May you keep your actions noble
May your neighbors see your love
When they speak about your failure
May they see good deeds and give God glory

*For you,
You have been chosen to be God's holy people
That he builds
Into his house like living stones
Full of the Spirit of Peace*

If you've seen that God is precious
If you've tasted that he's good
If your passion wars with your spirit
Keep your sojourn holy with God's beloved

Come to him, the stone rejected
Come to him and offer your life
Put away your envy and slander
Come to Christ and build on the Stone of Zion

His mercy called you
From darkness into his glory
The day of the Lord will come

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: John 6:52-65

"Our Life Giving God" - Reverend Joseph Bianco

⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This

is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Thanksgiving

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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 joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

<p>PGH Project Work Day Sat 2/15 @ 8AM-5:30PM 2801 North Charles Street</p> <p>Sign up TODAY</p>	<p>Help provide free home repairs to the elderly and disabled residents of Pittsburgh. Middle School age to adults are all welcome to participate. The Deacons will cover the fees for any college student who sign up by TODAY. For all others, there is a \$50 fee, \$15 of which is due by TODAY. Contact David Bacon (bacon1986@gmail.com). Register online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</p>
<p>GWCTD Sat 2/8 @ 6PM</p> <p>Sign up Wednesday 2/5</p>	<p><i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?</i> Be a host, guest, or either! Participants will be emailed the week of on where their dinner party assignments/guests are. Sign up online: tinyurl.com/GWCTD2020 Contact Pastor Nameun (nameun@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Men's Retreat Fri 2/28 - Sat 2/29 Ligonier Camp & Conf Ctr</p> <p>Sign up by 2/16</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Jack Kinneer, PCA pastor and adjunct professor of New Testament at RPTS and PCA pastor, will be speaking on "Loving God's Word - A Reformed Perspective." Register online crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</p>
<p>Ethiopia Missions Report Wed 2/19 @ 6:30PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207</p>	<p>Our Ethiopia missions team will be sharing about their recent trip. They will be joined by Andy Warren from Ethiopia ACT. Dinner provided - please RSVP to Andrew Iseminger ajiseminger@gmail.com).</p>
<p>RUF Training Conference - HOUSING NEED Fri 2/7 - Sat 2/8 3929 Coleman St. 15207</p>	<p>Students from WVU, IUP, Akron, and Penn State will be joining us for the weekend, and in need of housing for Friday night. If you've a couch to spare for a few students, please let Derek know (dbates@ruf.org).</p>
<p>Women's Retreat: "Lessons In Contentment" Fri 3/20 - Sat 3/21 Ligonier Camp & Conf Ctr</p> <p>Sign up by 3/1</p>	<p>Come join us for fellowship, discussion, prayer, food, games and time to get to know one another better! \$64/person for the whole retreat or \$24 for Saturday only. Scholarships are available. RSVP by 3/1: tinyurl.com/crpcwomen2020. Contact Sarah Winkler (sarahditch@gmail.com).</p>