



Sunday Evening Worship
July 21, 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

Would you lose your sorrow? Would you drown your cares? Then go, plunge yourself in the Godhead's deepest sea... I know nothing which can so comfort the soul; so calm the swelling billows of sorrow and grief; so speak peace to the winds of trial, as a devout musing upon the subject of the Godhead.

C.H. Spurgeon, 19th century pastor

What were we made for? To know God. What aim should we set ourselves in life? To know God. What is the eternal life that Jesus gives? The knowledge of God. What is the best thing in life? Knowledge of God. What in a man gives God most pleasure? Knowledge of Himself.

- J.I. Packer, author and theologian, "Knowing God"

Inspiration is for amateurs; the rest of us just show up and get to work.

- Chuck Close, photographer and painter

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.
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 Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Proverbs 2:1-8

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

Leader My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

People **Yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,**

Leader Then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

People **For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;**

Leader He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

People **Guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.**

Prayer of Invocation

Come Ye Sinners

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Melody: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoke 2018)

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r
He is able, He is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the Fall
If you tarry 'till you're better
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-11

I Want to Know You

(Words & Music: James Proctor, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson
2016)

I've tried in vain a thousand ways
My fears to quell my hopes to raise
But what I need your word has said
Is ever only Jesus

You died you live you reign you plead
There's love in all your words and deeds
This weary heart finds all it needs
In ever only Jesus

*I want to know you Jesus my Lord
King of the Heavens king of my soul
I trade my treasure and all my rewards
Jesus to know you then know you more*

Though some should curse me for your name
I have no fear I have no shame
You stand with me for all my days
My ever only Jesus

Like wave after wave on the ocean
Like all of the sand on the shore
Your beauty and glory are endless
O Jesus I must know you more

Call to Confession: Hosea 6:1-3

"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess that our knowledge of who You really are and who we really are is deeply skewed by our sin. We minimize your holiness and maximize our goodness; we are dull to the gap between what we profess on Sundays and how we live on Monday. We are quick to know many factoids about endless trivialities, but slow to contemplate the person and work of your Son, given to draw us back to communion with you, the true and living God. Forgive us, Father.

Lord Jesus, in You are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. You, the incarnate One, came to live, love, suffer and die for your people, who were once your enemies. You rose again from the dead in power and ascended to your Father in heaven, from where you now are fully redeeming the created order, restoring our true humanity in the process. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for all that you are for us in the gospel.

Blessed Spirit of God, you are the One who points us to and joins us with the living Christ by faith. You intercede for us when we do not know how to pray. You empower our lives by faith to become, more and more, like our Saviour who died for us. Enable in us a true knowledge of Him and his love and please fill us with Yourself in power! Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Jeremiah 31:33-34

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Song of Renewal

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

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Corporate & Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 2 Peter 1:2-8, 3:18

"Whaddya Know??" - Elder Jim Partridge

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...

^{3:18}But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Jeremiah 9:23 / Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches..."

John 17:1-3 / When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

1 Corinthians 2:11-13 / For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

Colossians 2:1-3 / For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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-communing 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 will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. Please return to your seat using the right aisle.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the outer circle of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. The bread is gluten-free.

Songs of Communion

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.

Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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

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

Group Prayer Thur 7/25 @ 7:30PM 3929 Coleman St. 15207	Pray with us every other Thursday. Have a prayer request but can't come? Contact Elizabeth Conley (elizabethconley@gmail.com).
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).
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).
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).