



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**June 15, 2025**

# 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

"Corporate worship is designed to keep you humble by reminding you of your need and thankful by reminding you of God's gift."

– Paul David Tripp

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-6

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

**Leader** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Leader** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**People** In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

**Leader** The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

## Prayer of Invocation

## Joyful Joyful We Adore You

*(Words: Henry van Dyke 1907; Melody: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824)*

Joyful joyful we adore you  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you  
Op'ning to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All your works with joy surround you  
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays  
Stars and angels sing around you  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising you eternally

You are giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Well-spring of the joy of living  
Ocean-depth of happy rest  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother  
May Your Spirit in us shine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to Your joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
With the morning stars began  
God's own love is reigning o'er us  
Humble love binds all in him  
Christ we echo ever singing  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music we are bringing  
In the triumph song of life

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 107:1-9

## Oh Give Thanks To The Lord

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak

We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain

In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame

Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died

Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;  
And the God of glory took away our shame

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,

But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees

Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort took away our fears

## Oh Lord You're Beautiful

(Words & Music: Keith Green 1980)

Oh Lord you're beautiful  
Your face is all I seek  
And when your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me

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Oh Lord you're merciful  
Your love is all we need  
And when your love is with your church  
Forgiveness we receive

## **Call to Confession: Psalm 95:7-9**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, we cry out for your mercy. By nature, our hearts are hard and we can't make ourselves holy. And so we rejoice again in the wonder of the gospel. Though we fall short of your holy standard, through faith in Christ we are declared righteous in your sight. We are saved, not because we have made ourselves godly, but because you justify the ungodly. This same power that brought us new life is changing us. We are being made into the image of your Son.

But we confess that we are slow to change. We often feel stuck and struggle to believe that you are re-molding and re-shaping us. Sometimes we simply struggle to believe that change is possible. We pray that you would renew our faith and give us new sight. Awaken our hearts to your love and lead us into new obedience. Make us new. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

# Corporate Prayer

## Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## In Tenderness

*(Words & Music: Adoniram Judson Gordon, Nate Garvey, and W. Spencer Walton 2013)*

In tenderness he sought me  
Weary and sick with sin  
And on his shoulders brought me  
Back to his fold again  
While angels in his presence sang  
Until the courts of heaven rang

*Oh the love that sought me  
Oh the blood that bought me  
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God*

He died for me while I was sinning  
Needy and poor and blind  
He whispered to assure me  
I've found thee, thou art mine  
I'd never heard a sweeter voice  
It made my aching heart rejoice

Upon his grace I'll daily ponder  
And sing anew his praise  
With all adoring wonder  
His blessings I retrace  
It seems as if eternal days  
Are far too short to sing his praise

# Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-5 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon.*

## Sermon: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36

### "A God of Remembrance and a People of Thanksgiving"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

**T**hen on that day David first appointed that thanksgiving be sung to the LORD by Asaph and his brothers.

<sup>8</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

<sup>9</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!

<sup>10</sup>Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

<sup>11</sup>Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

<sup>12</sup>Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

<sup>13</sup>O offspring of Israel his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

<sup>14</sup>He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth

<sup>15</sup>Remember his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand  
generations,

<sup>16</sup>the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,

<sup>17</sup>which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

<sup>18</sup>saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan,  
as your portion for an inheritance."



- <sup>19</sup>When you were few in number,  
of little account, and sojourners in it,  
<sup>20</sup>wandering from nation to nation,  
from one kingdom to another people,  
<sup>21</sup>he allowed no one to oppress them;  
he rebuked kings on their account,  
<sup>22</sup>saying, "Touch not my anointed ones,  
do my prophets no harm!"
- <sup>23</sup>Sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Tell of his salvation from day to day.  
<sup>24</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
<sup>25</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and he is to be feared above all gods.  
<sup>26</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
<sup>27</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and joy are in his place.
- <sup>28</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
<sup>29</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
<sup>30</sup>tremble before him, all the earth;  
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.  
<sup>31</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,  
and let them say among the nations, "The LORD  
reigns!"  
<sup>32</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
<sup>33</sup>Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>34</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>35</sup>Say also:

“Save us, O God of our salvation,  
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.

<sup>36</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!”

Then all the people said, “Amen!” and praised the LORD.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scripture

Psalm 77:11-15 / I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

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Psalm 106:43-45 / Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes and were brought low through their iniquity. Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress, when he heard their cry. For their sake he remembered his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

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## Scriptural Response: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

**"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## His Mercy Is More

*(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)*

*Praise the Lord*

*His mercy is more*

*Stronger than darkness new every morn*

*Our sins they are many his mercy is more*

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

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

## All Creatures of Our God and King

*(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Joseph Bianco will be preaching from Psalm 34, "The King of Worship."*

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>Bible Study for Moms</b> Wednesdays for 5 weeks: May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25 7:30-9:00 PM	Join fellow City moms as we read through Gloria Furman's "Treasuring Christ When Your Hands are Full", a short book of gospel meditations guiding us toward a vibrant relationship with God amidst the season of motherhood. Sam Philip's home: 1012 Winterton St. 15206
<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Join Women at City in studying the book of Ephesians together this Summer. Various locations and times, starting mid June. Register at <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2946747">https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2946747</a> . Contact Debbie (dpasewark@gmail.com)
<b>Men's Camping Trip</b> <b>Moraine State Park</b> Friday June 20th - Saturday June 21st	Activities will include ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Mr. Luke's boat, bike riding and swimming in the lake! Registration is required ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensCampingTrip2025">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCMensCampingTrip2025</a> ) as we will be providing dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Bring your sons, your favorite outdoor games/equipment and invite your friends and neighbors. General questions can be directed to Adam Schwab. Limited lodging is available for those that are not able to camp. For questions related to lodging, please contact Luke Kephart.
<b>All Church Picnic</b> Sunday July 13, Following Morning Worship Anderson Playground	Save the date! All church picnic at Anderson Playground on 7/13 after church. WMC will provide hot dogs. Please bring a side or dessert to share!
<b>VBS</b> July 21-25, 9:30-12:30 300 Saline Street	Get ready to adventure to Alaska for this summer's True North VBS! July 21 - 25, 9:30 to 12:30 at 300 Saline Street. Youth and adult volunteers needed to guide kids ages 4 through rising 5th graders in what it means to TRUST JESUS in this wild world! Registration is open now! <a href="https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2887119">https://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2887119</a>
<b>Pittsburgh Region</b> <b>International Student</b> <b>Ministry (PRISM)</b> You can connect with a student!	PRISM needs connection partners! It's a wonderful opportunity to invest in the life of an international student. Complete a profile & be matched to a student at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25">https://tinyurl.com/crpc-prism25</a> . Talk to Bethany Beck or a Missions Committee member to learn more.
<b>Summer College</b> <b>Student Bible Study</b> <b>Hosted by RUF</b> Tuesdays, June and July. Dinner 6:30pm, Bible study 7:30pm.	All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us!  Hosted at various homes. For locations and more info contact Gavin Breeden, <a href="mailto:gavin.breeden@ruf.org">gavin.breeden@ruf.org</a> or 931-303-6006.

# Regular Events

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>College Shuttle:</b> On Pause	The college shuttle is on pause for the summer and will resume in time for the beginning of the academic year.
<b>Agora Forum:</b> Every other Monday 7:00 PM 300 Saline Street	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the new building at 7 pm (300 Saline St). The next meeting is June 16. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
<b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will have open prayer this week on June 16th. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a>
<b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, June 18 at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a> .
<b>Youth Group:</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	Regular Youth Group meetings will resume in the fall. Contact Molly at molly@cityreformed.org for more info on summer youth events and more!
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group:</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Current study: Psalms 31-60. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com.
<b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 1:00-3:00 PM	Women's Bible study on Becoming A Woman of Prayer will continue throughout the summer. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more information at lawyerdad5@aol.com
<b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM	On summer break and will resume in August. Contact Sandy for more info: scssnoke@comcast.net.
<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>	Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Claire Josey, clairemjosey@gmail.com, for more info.

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
- CCO at PPU: Matt Koerber (pastormatt@cityreformed.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 (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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