



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**October 18, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

What will enable us to actively resist the pernicious polarization that has been present in the church in American from the beginning? It will not be the fact that diversity is a hot topic in culture today. It will not be the pressure to appear viable or acceptable to the world. The pursuit is too hard. It is too perplexing and often too painful, if our commitment is not drenched in the beautiful truth that we are participating in the beautiful plan and purpose of our beautiful God.

- Irwyn Ince, "The Beautiful Community"

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

SIGN-UPS: [crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations)

### Church Office

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### Sunday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY 10/25 | 5PM & 6PM

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot

5059 Ellsworth Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

### Donations

Online: [cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give)

Mail: to the Church Office address above  
"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

# Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Matt Koerber

## Call to Worship: Colossians 1:13-20

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

Leader He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

People **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

Leader For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

People **And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Leader And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

People **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## 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 begin  
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

## 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

## **Hosanna**

*(Words & Music: Israel Houghton, Sidney Mohede, and M. Sidney 2010)*

Hosanna, in the highest  
Let our King be lifted up  
Hosanna

## **Call to Confession: Galatians 5:13**

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Father, we confess that we do not love well. We don't love our brothers and sisters – even though we see them clearly. We are preoccupied with ourselves. We use people instead of seeking their good. We manipulate instead of loving others. And by nature we run from your glory and hide in the dark.

But you have loved us. When we were dead in our sins you made us alive with Christ. You have shown us what true love is by sending your son to die for your enemies. Your love is eternal, unchanging and free.

Cause your Spirit to work in us to move us past our own fear and prejudice. We pray that you would soften our hearts and change us. Empower us to love each other in a way that demonstrates the gospel to the world. Be glorified by working in us. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 3:1**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct giving online or via mail ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## 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

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 lisp'ing, 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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## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: Hebrews 1:1-14

### "The Storm Before the Calm"

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- Reverend Dr. Irwyn Ince

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,  
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

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therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup>And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth  
in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,

<sup>12</sup>like a robe you will roll them up,  
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will have no end.”

<sup>13</sup>And to which of the angels has he ever said,

“Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

<sup>14</sup>Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the  
sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Scriptural Response: Ephesians 4:1-6**

Leader I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk  
in a manner worthy of the calling to which you  
have been called, with all humility and gentleness,  
with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to  
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People **There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were  
called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one  
Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of  
all, who is over all and through all and in all.**



# Songs of Thanksgiving

*Please stand for the final songs if you are able.*

## King of Kings

*(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light  
'Till from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes  
To fulfill the Law and Prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of glory majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross  
Now we see that in your suff'ring, you saw glory to behold  
Knowing you were our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

For the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath  
'Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
Then the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are re-stored

Then the Church of Christ was born, and the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel shall not faint  
By his blood and in his name, in his freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks

*(Words: Samuel Stennett 1787; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

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*I am bound (I am bound)  
 I am bound (I am bound)  
 I am bound for the promised land!  
 [Repeat]*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
 Can reach that healthful shore;  
 Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
 Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,  
 And be forever blessed?  
 When shall I see my Father's face,  
 And in His bosom rest?

## Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction

*If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:joseph@cityreformed.org).*

## Life Together

<p><b>Attend Morning Service "In-Person"</b>          Sundays @ 10:15AM          WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>There are plenty of spots—don't hesitate to sign up! Sign up on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact Sol (<a href="mailto:sol@cityreformed.org">sol@cityreformed.org</a>). Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p><b>Open Evening Services</b>          Sun 10/25 @ 5 &amp; 6PM          WT <b>Parking Lot</b>, 5059 Ellsworth Ave, 15213</p>	<p><b>Outdoor</b>, socially distanced, <b>in-person</b> service held twice, with <b>communion</b> (pre-packaged individual cups) served both times. Please review instructions for attending at: <a href="http://cityreformed.org/open-service">cityreformed.org/open-service</a>.</p>
<p><b>Children's Ministry: Family Fun Harvest Party</b>          Sat 10/31 @ 10AM - 1PM          Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve          614 Dorseyville Rd, 15238</p>	<p>Enjoy time with friends and fall festivities in the beautiful setting of Beechwood Farms. The first 50 children and their family members to sign up by emailing <a href="mailto:Charis@cityreformed.org">Charis@cityreformed.org</a> will be able to attend. <b>YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ORDER TO ATTEND!</b> Please sign up by Friday 10/30.</p>
<p><b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>          Sun 11/1</p>	<p>Reminder to Fall Back one hour on Saturday evening 10/31.</p>

<p><b>Building Work Day</b> Sat 11/14 @ 9AM - 3PM 3929 Coleman St, 15207</p>	<p>We will be laying carpet, drywall sanding, and organizing the basement. Sign up ahead of time by contacting Gary: <a href="mailto:building@cityreformed.org">building@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>CSS Meeting: "Is the Natural World Good or Bad?"</b> Sat 10/24 @ 10AM - 4PM Webinar</p>	<p>Address the general question of whether nature is "fallen," and if so, what that means. The event is free to the public, with a suggested donation. More info found on: <a href="http://christianscientific.org">christianscientific.org</a>. Contact David (<a href="mailto:snoke@pitt.edu">snoke@pitt.edu</a>).</p>
<p><b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Opportunity</b> Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteers needed to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Help out once or on a weekly/biweekly schedule. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons (<a href="mailto:deacons@cityreformed.org">deacons@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>Adult Class on Introduction to Christianity</b> In-Person (masks &amp; socially distanced) TODAY, 15 min after service <i>WT Dining Hall</i></p>	<p>In-person class taught by Dr. David Snoke; bring a lunch. Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Appropriate for young adults, those new to Christianity, and those having doubts. Contact David (<a href="mailto:snoke@pitt.edu">snoke@pitt.edu</a>).</p>
<p><b>Hiring CRPC Staff Position: Director of Sound, Tech, Design</b></p>	<p>CRPC is looking to hire a part-time Director of Sound, Tech, and Design to oversee our A/V and web needs. Contact Daniel (<a href="mailto:dsnoke@ccojubilee.org">dsnoke@ccojubilee.org</a>) or Nameun (<a href="mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org">nameun@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>Parenting Seminar with Julie Lowe - Child Proof: Parenting by Faith, Not Formula</b> Fri 2/5 @ 7 - 9PM &amp; Sat 2/6 @ 9AM - 12PM <i>WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</i></p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Julie Lowe, counselor and faculty at the Christian Counseling &amp; Educational Foundation. Register at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/childproof2021">tinyurl.com/childproof2021</a> ~ \$15/person ~ Early Bird Discount: \$10/person until November 30! Julie will teach on how to know, love, and disciple our children using biblical principles and practical wisdom. There will be four sessions &amp; Q&amp;A. Visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/JulieLowe">tinyurl.com/JulieLowe</a> to learn more about Julie, read her articles, and view her books. Contact Charis (<a href="mailto:charis@cityreformed.org">charis@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>Volunteer Babysitting: Serve &amp; Connect with Our Church Families!</b></p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, help care for children as families navigate these challenging times! Please complete: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT">tinyurl.com/CityBABYSIT</a>. PARENTS, Becki is away until 11/2 and will connect babysitters with families upon returning.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM</b> <a href="http://tinyurl.com/prayCRPC">tinyurl.com/prayCRPC</a></p>	<p>Join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Please send prayer requests to <a href="mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org">prayer@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Men's Discipleship Committee</b></p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam (<a href="mailto:ahs27@pitt.edu">ahs27@pitt.edu</a>).</p>

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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](http://cityreformed.org).

### Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto: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](mailto:prayer@cityreformed.org).

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