



Sunday Evening Worship  
November 7, 2021

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## Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD,  
all the earth! Serve the LORD with  
gladness! Come into his presence  
with singing! Know that the Lord,  
he is God!

People **It is he who made us, and we are  
his; we are his people, and the  
sheep of his pasture.**

Leader Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and  
his courts with praise!

People **Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the LORD is good; his steadfast  
love endures forever, and his  
faithfulness to all generations.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### O Worship The King

*(Music: Johann Haydn 1700's Words: Robert Grant  
1833)*

O worship the King  
all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His power  
and His love  
Our Shield and Defender  
the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor  
and girded with praise

O tell of His might  
O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light  
whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path  
on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care  
what tongue can recite  
It breathes in the air  
it shines in the light  
It streams from the hills  
it descends to the plain  
And sweetly distills  
in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust  
and feeble as frail  
In Thee do we trust  
nor find Thee to fail  
Thy mercies how tender  
how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender  
Redeemer and Friend

O measureless might  
ineffable love  
While angels delight  
to worship Thee above  
The humbler creation  
though feeble their ways  
With true adoration  
shall all sing Thy praise

## Great Are You Lord

*(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)*

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only*

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore  
Ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

## Call to Confession:

**Psalm 32:1-5**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity....

## Prayer of Confession:

**Psalm 25:1-11**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon:

**Psalm 32:10-11**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

# 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; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

### Speak O Lord

*(Words & Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty 2005)*

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ  
might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand  
on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk  
as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## Scripture & Homily:

**Judges 16:23-31**

### "Samson's Sacrificial Death"

- Reverend John McCombs

<sup>23</sup>Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." <sup>24</sup>And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." <sup>25</sup>And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. <sup>26</sup>And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup>Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

<sup>28</sup>Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup>And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. <sup>30</sup>And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. <sup>31</sup>Then his brothers and all his

## Notes:

family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

## Additional Scripture

Hebrews 11:32-34/ And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## In Christ Alone

*(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm  
What heights of love  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
when strivings cease  
My Comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross  
as Jesus died  
The wrath of God  
was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on  
Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands  
in victory  
Sin's curse has lost  
its grip on me  
For I am His and  
He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell  
no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me  
from His hand  
'Til He returns  
or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

## Benediction



## Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. If you are new, we would love to meet you! Please contact us at [office@cityreformed.org](mailto:office@cityreformed.org). If you would like to contact a pastor, please email [nameun@cityreformed.org](mailto:nameun@cityreformed.org). And, if you would like more information about our ministries, resources, and ways to engage, please visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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### 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).

### About Us

#### Sunday Morning Worship Service

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

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

#### Sunday Evening Service

5:30 PM  
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