



Sunday Morning Worship
March 14, 2021

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 or visit our

Reflections

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

- The Gospel of John 1:46a

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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Sunday Evening Communion Service

3929 Coleman St., 15207

SUNDAY 3/14 | 4PM, 5PM & 6PM

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

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – March 14, 2021
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Galatians 3:26-29

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

Leader For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

People **For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

Leader There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

People **And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.**

Prayer of Invocation

Endless Light

(Words & Music: Karl Cashwell & Dean Ussher 2011)

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Saviour

From a wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Saviour

*Lord of endless light
Let Your glory shine forever
All the earth
All the earth will sing Your praise*

*Hope of every heart
Let Your Name be lifted higher
All our hearts
All our hearts will sing Your praise*

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

God be exalted
God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory
Live for Your glory
(Repeat)

How Great Thou Art

(Words & Music: Carl Gustav Boberg 1949)

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God, how great Thou art

Call to Confession: Galatians 5:24-25

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess that we often desire the wrong things. We want all people to speak well of us and we fear being seen as an outsider. We are often silent when we should speak and we talk when we should listen. We have too small a concern for your call to holiness and too little love for the true good of our neighbors. We often settle for seeking their approval and show no concern for their souls. We are in need of your grace to forgive us and renew us. Make us a holy people set apart for you. Impress Christ on our hearts. Help us, that we may love and serve our neighbors in freedom and live for you with joy. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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).

All Things New

(Words: Horatius Bonar 1779; Music: Clint Wells 2009)

Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long-looked-for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of delay?

Come for your saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Do you not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
Build up this broken earth
Come and make all things new
All things new*

Come for creation groans
Impatient while you stay
Worn out in labor pains of hope
Still bound by earth's decay

Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Our faith is pressed by unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 2:13–23

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"Messiah in Exile"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,²⁰ saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.”²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Notes

Additional Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-2, 6 / There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him... The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

Jeremiah 31:8-9a, 13b, 15 / Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back... I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow... Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

Hosea 11:1-2 / When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols.

Hebrews 13:12-14 / So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

I Peter 1:1-2a; 2:11 / Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood... Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Scriptural Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 46. What was the state of Christ's humiliation?

A. The state of Christ's humiliation was the low condition in which, for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, he took upon himself the form of a servant in his conception, birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

Q 48. How did Christ humble himself in his life?

A. Christ humbled himself in his life by subjecting himself to the Law, which he perfectly fulfilled, and by struggling with the indignities of the world, the temptations of Satan, and the infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of mankind or particularly accompanying his low condition.

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Who Is This So Weak and Helpless

(Words: William W. How 1867; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlast—ing,
And to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place prepar—ing,
Where no tear can dim the eye.

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Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy ven—geance
All His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God Who lives forever
'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden ci—ty,
Reigning everlastingly.

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In the glorious golden ci—ty,
Reigning everlastingly.


Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

<p>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD TONIGHT Sun 3/14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:00PM• 5:00PM• 6:00PM <p>3929 Coleman St., 15207</p> <p>Church Center App</p> 	<p>In-person service held three times INDOORS at GREENFIELD, with communion served all times. Review instructions for attending at: cityreformed.org/evening-service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations, to help us keep within capacity limits (55/service) and add additional services if needed. If you would like assistance signing up, contact Sol@cityreformed.org.• Before attending, self-assess the health and recent activities of you and your household.• <i>Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old).</i>• ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.***
<p>Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations. Contact Sol@cityreformed.org. ***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON upon arrival.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Annual CRPC Congregational Meeting TODAY Sun 3/14 @ 12:30PM <i>Zoom Large Meeting</i></p> <p><i>**Please check your email for the Zoom Link.</i></p>	<p>Members, please make it a priority to attend our first ever virtual congregational meeting. In addition to elections for church officers, important reports on church matters will be discussed.</p> <p>If you do not have a device or cannot connect via the internet, contact Pastor Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org). The Annual Member Packet has been emailed out to members. If you have not received it and would like one, please contact Sol@cityreformed.org.</p> <p>NOMINEES for Election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Bacon will stand for election for office of Elder.• Eric Westman will stand for election for office of Deacon. Gary Atcheson and Kyle McMillan will stand for reelection as deacons. All three can serve if they are elected with a majority vote.• During the Women's Ministry portion of the meeting, the women of the church will vote on the following nominees: Hannah Westman, Irene Winkler, and Debbie Bacon will all stand for election to the women's ministry council; Rachael Leuenberger will stand for reelection. As many as four slots can be filled on the council.

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PLAN FOR EASTER 2021

Friday 4/2 Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be Livestreamed and multiple in-person services will be available. Final plans for location and time will follow shortly.

Easter Sunday 4/4

- No breakfast will be served.
- **7:30AM Sunrise Service** at **Anderson Playground, Schenley Park**. Three short meditations. Service will be held unless it rains hard.

Our **Traditional Service** will be held at **Winchester Thurston** and altered as follows: Two services instead of one. Shorter services of one hour in length.

- **9AM Indoors** | Livestream & In-person @ WT Auditorium. Current Sunday morning protocols (i.e. Advance sign-ups required; WT screening Form).
- **10:30AM Outdoors** | WT Parking Lot. Fall outdoor service protocols (i.e. Advance sign-ups not required; Check-Ins only). If this service is rained out, we will move it inside and follow current Sunday morning protocols.

Global Missions Prayer
Fridays @ 6:30AM
Begins THIS Friday 3/19

Join CRPC Missions Committee weekly for 30 min Zoom prayer. Contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws).

Spring Adult CE Webinar
THIS Saturday 3/20 @
10AM

"Luke 24, The Angel of YHWH, and Christophanies: Where is Jesus in the OT?" Join us for our final webinar by Dr. Brad Bitner from Westminster Seminary, Escondido, CA. Contact Seulgi.byun@gmail.com.

NEED: Church Maintenance Position

We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance person for the building (~8 hr/mo). Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).

Building Work Day
Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM
bit.ly/3uk8uFr

We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. *SIGN-UP online: bit.ly/3uk8uFr*. Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture
Through Easter

Start the new year by reading and worshiping through a large section of the Biblical story of "redemptive history" together. Learn more on our website under "Resources" or cityreformed.org/90-days-through-scripture.
Hardcopies of the Updated Outline and the March Worship Liturgy are available. If you'd like a hardcopy mailed, please contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org.

NEED: Mosaic Afterschool Program Teachers & Teachers Aids
Begins Mon 3/15
227 S. 4th Street
Jeannette, PA 15644

Mosaic Community Church is looking to hire two teachers and two teachers aids to provide homework help and individualized tutoring tailored to students' specific need. 3:30-6:30pm Monday-Thursday. Compensation included. If interested, contact Pastor Nate Keisel: nate@jeannettechurch.com.

Young Adult Women's Fellowship

This is an opportunity for us do life and get to know each other, be of mutual encouragement to one another and to foster a sense of community.
Contact Zenny@cityreformed.org.

<p>Youth Group Mondays @ 7-8PM Zoom</p>	<p>Youth group will combine high school and middle school into one meeting, using content from the church's 90-day reading plan. Contact Ben@cityreformed.org or Becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM Zoom</p>	<p>Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings as we discuss and pray through the Tuesday Daily Bible Reading from CRPC's <i>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture</i>. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>Volunteer to help transport and package food with Bethany Community Ministries. Contact Donna at Bethany: 412.251.1227 or any of the Deacons@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</p>	<p>Please update the deacons if you have needs or if you have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.</p>
<p>Make Connections via Online Media</p>	<p>As the Covid-19 restrictions limit our ability to connect with other people, we need to work harder to develop healthy relationships through alternative means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org) • To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org) • To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.

Community Groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and service, and are some of the best opportunities to connect with church life - always open for visitors throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Joseph Bianco (joseph@cityreformed.org) with any questions, and for a listing of current groups, refer to:

- cityreformed.org/community-groups

Specialty Groups meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, and service. For a listing of current groups, please refer to:

- cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CCO at CMU: Nameun Cho (ncho@ccojubilee.org)
- CCO at Point Park: Katelyn Spallinger (kspallinger@ccojubilee.org)
- RUF at Pitt: Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org), Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org)
- cityreformed.org/collegestudents

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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.

Visitor's Card

We would love to get to know you. Please contact us at 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.
