



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 21, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

And in the same way [Moses] sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

- Hebrews 9:21-22

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

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

SIGN-UPS: Church Center App (Events)  
OR [crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations)

### Sunday Evening Communion Service

3929 Coleman St., 15207

SUNDAY 3/28 | 4PM, 5PM & 6PM

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### Church Office

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Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
412-720-7014  
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# Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – March 21, 2021  
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

## Call to Worship: 1 John 1:5-9

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

Leader This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

People **If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

Leader But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

People **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

Leader If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People **If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## O Come and Mourn with Me a While

*(Words: Frederick Faber 1849; Music: John Dykes 1861)*

O come and mourn with me awhile,  
O come ye to the Savior's side  
O come, together let us mourn,  
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

Sev'n times He spoke sev'n words of love;  
And all three hours His silence cried  
For mercy on the souls of men;  
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

O break, O break, hard heart of mine!  
Thy weak self-love and guilty pride  
His Pilate and His Judas were:  
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

A broken heart, a fount of tears,  
Ask, and they will not be denied;  
A broken heart love's cradle is:  
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

O love of God! O sin of man!  
In this dread act Your strength is tried;  
And victory remains with love;  
Jesus our Lord is crucified! (2x)

## Psalm 25

*(Words & Music: Joe Day 2000)*

Good and upright  
Are you Lord  
You teach us sinners  
In your ways  
*(Repeat)*

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*(Repeat)*

All your ways are  
Loving, faithful, Lord  
To those who  
Seek your face  
*(Repeat)*

You give grace to  
The humble hearted  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
*(Repeat)*

You guide the humble  
In what is right  
And instruct them  
In your ways  
You give grace to  
The humble hearted  
And instruct them  
In your ways

## **Call to Confession: Romans 3:22b-23**

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

## **Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart, praise has often been praiseless sound. We have done things we should not have done, and we have not done things we should have done. If we were to stand before you on our own, we must surely be rejected.

However, all things in Christ plead for our acceptance. By his stripes we are healed, and he was bruised for our iniquities. He has been made sin so that we might be made righteous in you. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, and for your hands to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Christ's holy name. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:22b-25**

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

## **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).*

## Abide with Me

*(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1847; Music: Justin Smith 2007)*

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me oft as I left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who, like Thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death Where grave thy victory  
I triumph still abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord abide with me

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon: Matthew 16:13-23

### 90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

#### "The Christ Must Suffer"

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- Reverend Matt Koerber

**N**ow when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

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Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**





## Additional Scripture

Isaiah 53:5-6 / But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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Luke 24:25-27 / And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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John 1:29 / The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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1 Peter 1:3 / Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

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## **Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith 8.5**

**The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he offered up to God once, through the eternal Spirit, has fully satisfied the justice of his Father and has purchased not only reconciliation but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.**

# Song of Thanksgiving

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

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*(Words & Music: Stuart Townend 1995)*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no power no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
*Why should I gain from his reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*


## Prayer

## Announcements

## Benediction

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

## Life Together

<p><b>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD</b> NEXT Sun 3/28:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4:00PM</li><li>• 5:00PM</li><li>• 6:00PM</li></ul> <p>3929 Coleman St., 15207</p> <p>Church Center App</p> 	<p><b>In-person</b> service held three times <b>INDOORS at GREENFIELD</b>, with <b>communion</b> served all times. Review instructions for attending at: <a href="https://www.cityreformed.org/evening-service">cityreformed.org/evening-service</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sign Up</b> on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="https://www.crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>, to help us keep within capacity limits (55/service) &amp; add additional services if needed. For assistance signing up, contact <a href="mailto:Sol@cityreformed.org">Sol@cityreformed.org</a>.</li><li>• Before attending, self-assess the <b>health and recent activities</b> of you and your household.</li><li>• <b>Mandatory MASK policy (all over 2 yrs old)</b>.</li><li>• <b>***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON</b> when you arrive.***</li></ul>
<p><b>Attend Morning Service "In-Person"</b> Sundays @ 10:15AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p><b>Sign Up</b> on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: <a href="https://www.crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations">crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations</a>. Contact <a href="mailto:Sol@cityreformed.org">Sol@cityreformed.org</a>. <b>***CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON</b> upon arrival.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p><b>PLAN FOR EASTER 2021</b></p> <p><b>Friday 4/2 Good Friday Tenebrae Service</b> ***Special Venue: First Baptist Church, 159 N. Bellefield Ave., 15213</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>5PM In-Person</b> (Advance Sign-Ups required)</li><li>• <b>6:30PM Livestream &amp; In-Person</b> (Advance Sign-Ups required)</li></ul> <p><b>Easter Sunday 4/4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No breakfast will be served.</li><li>• <b>7:30AM Sunrise Service at Anderson Playground, Schenley Park.</b> (No Advance Sign Up required; Check-Ins only). Service will be held unless it rains hard. NOTE: Due to CMU Buggy Freeroll practices, Schenley Dr. will be closed 5AM-9AM. Anderson Playground can be accessed from Blvd of the Allies.</li></ul> <p>Our <b>Traditional Service</b> will be held at <b>Winchester Thurston</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>9AM Indoors</b>   Livestream &amp; In-Person @ WT Auditorium. Current Sunday morning protocols (Advance Sign-Ups required; WT screening Form).</li><li>• <b>10:30AM Outdoors</b>   WT Parking Lot. Fall outdoor service protocols (No Advance Sign-Ups required; Check-Ins only). If this service is rained out, we will move it inside and follow current Sunday morning protocols.</li><li>• <b>Children's Activity &amp; Lesson:</b> Children are invited to join in an egg hunt and short in-person lesson immediately following each morning worship service.</li></ul>	
<p><b>New Women's Zoom Call</b> TODAY 3/21 @ 12:30PM Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCwomen">tinyurl.com/CRPCwomen</a></p>	<p>A 'new' woman to City Reformed? We would love to get to see your face and meet you. Please consider joining some of our women leaders on a Zoom call! Contact Chrissie (<a href="mailto:chrissiekoerber@gmail.com">chrissiekoerber@gmail.com</a>).</p>

\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO BEGIN ON APRIL 11TH \*\*\*\*

**TWO Morning Worship Services** in the WT Auditorium

- First at **9AM | In-Person**
- Second at **11AM | In-Person & Livestream**

**ONE Evening Communion Service at 5PM** in the WT Parking Lot

Return our EVENING Communion Service to the OUTDOORS. Outdoor PM protocols and not require advance sign-ups.

<p><b>Agora Forum</b>          Mon 3/22 @ 7PM          3929 Coleman St., 15207          OR <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora">tinyurl.com/CRPCAgora</a></p>	<p>Hannah Nation will be giving a talk on "What can we learn from the Chinese church about enduring suffering?" Contact Alex (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>) for more info.</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</b>          Sat 3/27          Every other Saturday</p>	<p>This is an informal gathering of women in the Church. The purpose is for us to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. You can expect, zoom conversations, zoom workouts, hikes, service etc. Contact <a href="mailto:Zenny@cityreformed.org">Zenny@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Building Work Day</b>          Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM  <a href="http://bit.ly/3uk8uFr">bit.ly/3uk8uFr</a></p>	<p>We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. <i>SIGN-UP online: <a href="http://bit.ly/3uk8uFr">bit.ly/3uk8uFr</a></i>. Contact Gary (<a href="mailto:building@cityreformed.org">building@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>PPWM Spring Event</b>          Sat 4/24 @ 10:15AM          First Reformed PCA          12900 Frankstown Rd          Penn Hills 15235</p>	<p>Registration Now Open! Join the women of our presbytery for a morning of teaching and encouragement from 1 Thessalonians. Sandy Snoko from our church will be the keynote speaker! Limited in-person attendance avl and livestream option as well. Contact Callie Miller (<a href="mailto:callie.miller@ruf.org">callie.miller@ruf.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>SAVE-THE-DATE!! Vacation Bible School (VBS)</b>          July 26-30</p>	<p>We are moving ahead with plans for an in-person VBS 2021! Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Registration and more VBS details are coming soon! Mark your calendars! Contact <a href="mailto:Charis@cityreformed.org">Charis@cityreformed.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Global Missions Prayer</b>          Fridays @ 6:30AM  <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CRPCmissionsprayer">tinyurl.com/CRPCmissionsprayer</a></p>	<p>Join CRPC Missions Committee weekly for 30 min Zoom prayer. Contact Abbey Mae (<a href="mailto:methodam1@gmail.com">methodam1@gmail.com</a>) or Susan (<a href="mailto:susan@thealexanders.ws">susan@thealexanders.ws</a>).</p>
<p><b>NEED: Church Maintenance Position</b></p>	<p>We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance person for the building (~8 hr/mo). Contact Gary (<a href="mailto:building@cityreformed.org">building@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>
<p><b>NEED: Mosaic Afterschool Program Teachers &amp; Teachers Aids</b>          Begins Mon 3/15          227 S. 4th Street          Jeannette, PA 15644</p>	<p>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: <a href="mailto:nate@jeannettechurch.com">nate@jeannettechurch.com</a>.</p>

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<b>Youth Group</b> Mondays @ 7-8PM Weekly on Mondays Zoom	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.
<b>Ladies Tuesday Bible Study</b> Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM Zoom	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).
<b>Men's Discipleship Committee</b>	MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.
<b>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service</b> Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM	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.
<b>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List</b>	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.
<b>Make Connections via Online Media</b>	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn more about community groups (CGs) contact Joseph (joseph@cityreformed.org)</li> <li>• To learn about how to connect with other women in the church (including small groups or CGs) contact Sandy (sandy@cityreformed.org)</li> <li>• To learn about men's discipleship programs contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.</li> </ul>

**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](http://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](http://cityreformed.org/prayer--specialty-groups)

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

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

# Easter 2021

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 2nd

Tenebrae Service

First Baptist Church

5:00 PM In-Person  
6:30 PM In-Person &  
Livestream

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 4th

Sunrise Service

Anderson Playground,  
Schenley Park

7:30 AM In-Person

Traditional Easter  
Worship

WT Auditorium

9:00 AM In-Person &  
Livestream

Traditional Easter  
Worship

WT Parking Lot

10:30 AM In-Person

Cole, Thomas. The Oxbow. 1836. The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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## 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! 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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