



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 26, 2023**

# 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

"My kingdom's built with the blood of slaves  
Orphans, widows, and homeless graves  
I sold their souls just to build my private mansion  
Some people say that my time is coming  
Kingdom come is the justice running  
Down, down, down on me  
I'm a poor child, I'm a lost son  
I refuse to give my love to anyone,  
Fight for the truth,  
Or help the weaker ones  
Because I love my Babylon  
I am a slave, I was never free  
I betrayed you for blood money  
Oh I bought the world, all is vanity  
Oh my Lord I'm your enemy"

- "Zion & Babylon", by Josh Garrels

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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 Service

5:30PM  
Greenfield Chapel  
3929 Coleman Street  
Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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### Welcome Information:



# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Isaiah 52:7-12

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

Leader How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,

People **Who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."**

Leader The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

People **Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

Leader The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

People **And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Leader Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.

People **For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.**

# Prayer of Invocation

## Saved My Soul

*(Words & Music: Dustin R. Smith, James Ferguson, & Rich Thompson 2016)*

*You my God have saved my soul  
I am Yours forevermore  
I won't be moved of this I'm sure  
You are my God and You saved my soul*

I was lost when You came for me  
Held in chains by the enemy  
But You broke them in victory  
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope  
I am saved by Your grace alone  
I will sing of Your love for me  
I am free I am free

Now I stand with the King of Kings  
He has paid for my every sin  
And from now through eternity  
I am free I am free

What once was dead is now alive  
You gave to me the breath of life  
You brought me up out from the grave  
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

**Lenten Scripture Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-5, 3:16

## Psalm 82 | The Hand of God

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

The hand of God gave you pow'r to reign  
So that you might stand for the weak  
He made you judge so the fatherless  
And the poor could rest in your strength  
But you have left them in darkness  
And the earth's foundations shake

*How long O Lord before your justice reigns  
Rise up O Lord for you the nations wait*

## Psalm 16 | Faces of the Saints

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke & Naaman Wood 2019)

Preserve me God in you I take my refuge  
I have no good without your daily presence  
You are my hope my portion and my substance  
And you are making me a pleasant home

*I see eternity in faces of the saints  
And you will not abandon us to hopelessness and death  
For we are resurrected with the presence of your breath  
Your full delight you'll give to those who wait  
Your full delight you give forevermore*

I set the LORD in ev'ry way before me  
And in the night my heart proclaims your counsel  
When you are near then I will not be shaken  
My heart, my mind, and body sing with joy

Those who run to other gods will suffer  
I will not follow in their greedy worship  
No other name but yours is my devotion  
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD  
I bless the LORD again I bless the LORD

## **Call to Confession: 1 John 2:15-16**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious heavenly Father, we come before you and acknowledge that rather than abide in you, rather than come to you, rather than rest in you, we ignore you and we take your love for granted. We presume upon your grace while chasing after all the things of this world that give us fleeting pleasure. And in our shame we then hide our face from you. Yet, O Lord, we know that in your Son we are cleansed and declared righteous and given access to your throne of grace. O, forgive us for our foolishness, our presumption, and our stubborn pride which stands in our way even though you have opened a way through Christ. Remind us again of the sureness of that saving work of Christ that beckons us to come to him, for we rest our plea in his shed blood. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 2:1-2**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## **Missions Update: Adrienne Willhoft**

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Take a moment and fill out your care card and please use offering bags or direct giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## Be Thou My Vision

*(Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Music: "Slane")*

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of Heaven my treasure thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of All

## Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Parents please have your children meet the teachers at the back of the sanctuary and pick them up from G8 after the sermon from Children's Church.*

# Sermon:

50 Days Through Revelation: Hope, Conflict and Heavenly Vision

Revelation 17:15-18:8

"Come Out of Babylon"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. <sup>16</sup>And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, <sup>17</sup>for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth."

<sup>18:1</sup>After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he called out with a mighty voice,

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons,  
a haunt for every unclean spirit,

a haunt for every unclean bird,

a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

<sup>3</sup>For all nations have drunk

the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,  
and the kings of the earth have committed immorality  
with her,

and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from  
the power of her luxurious living."

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

"Come out of her, my people,  
lest you take part in her sins,



lest you share in her plagues;  
<sup>5</sup>for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.  
<sup>6</sup>Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,  
and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.  
<sup>7</sup>As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,  
so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,  
since in her heart she says,  
‘I sit as a queen,  
I am no widow,  
and mourning I shall never see.’  
<sup>8</sup>For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,  
death and mourning and famine,  
and she will be burned up with fire;  
for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scriptures

John 17:14-16 / I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

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Hebrews 11:9-10, 13:14 / By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God...For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

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Philippians 3:20 / But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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# Creedal Response: Westminster Shorter Catechism #87

Leader What is repentance that leads to life?

People **Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.**

## Songs of Thanksgiving

### Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

*(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)*

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

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Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## **Take My Life and Let It Be**

*(Words: Frances R. Havergal 1874 Music: Henri A. Cesar Malan 1823)*

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. (2x)

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee. (2x)

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee. (2x)

## **Benediction**

*At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend Mark Robinson will be preaching from Psalm 61, "Lead me to the Rock."*

# Announcements

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

<p><b>Roses</b></p>	<p>Josephine Asha on February 19 to Susannah and Dhiraj Jameson Scott on February 21 to Lauren &amp; Nicholas Cotherman Beckett Karson on March 15 to Sarah &amp; Jonathan DeCubellis Clara Linh on March 20 to Rebecca &amp; Stephen Pollard</p>
<p><b>Kids, parents and adults of all ages!</b> After service - G8</p>	<p>Grab a bagel and join CRPC Children's Ministry after service in G8 for the "Read through Revelation" series. Kids and adults are invited to come and learn alongside each other as we explore different themes found in Revelation and praise God for the blessings we find as we read. This week's theme is: "Invitation to a Feast", and it's <b>Art Day!</b> Contact Becki: becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p><b>OEC Q&amp;A: TONIGHT</b> Immediately after PM Service</p>	<p>The Oakland Exploratory Committee will be hosting a Q&amp;A session for the congregation following the conversations at the most recent Congregational Meeting. All are invited! Please bring any questions you have around a future building acquisition in Oakland. Questions may also be submitted ahead of the meeting to Luke Kephart (lakephar@gmail.com).</p>
<p><b>Planning Center Help Desk</b> Sunday AM March 26</p>	<p>Do you regularly attend City Reformed and are looking to be included in the directory? Have you had trouble transitioning to the new directory since Adjace? Stop by the table in the cafeteria and we'll help you get set up! Contact nameun@cityreformed.org for more questions.</p>
<p><b>Pittsburgh Presbytery</b> April 1st</p>	<p>City Reformed is hosting the Pittsburgh Presbytery at our Greenfield building for the first time ever for their spring meeting on Saturday, 4/1/23 from 9 am to 4 pm. We are still in need of several volunteers to help with set-up, hosting a continental breakfast and lunch, and then tear-down. The meeting is open to any who would like to attend. If you have interest in helping or questions about presbytery, contact JoeStehle@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Trivia Night April 1st,</b> 7:00-8:30 pm</p>	<p>Trivia Night! Saturday evening, April 1, 7:00-8:30 pm. Recruit your team and compete from remote locations in a church-wide online trivia competition. Team captains, please register with Ben and Lindsay Sera, ben.sera@outlook.com</p>

<p><b>Spring Women's Brunch</b>  <b>April 22: 10am-12pm</b>  <b>City Reformed Chapel</b>  <b>3929 Coleman Street</b></p>	<p>"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you..."  Psalm 141:2a - Women of all ages, please join us as we enjoy fellowship together and offer up our prayers as incense to the Lord. We will rehearse adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication through reflections shared by our sisters in Christ, singing, and spending time together in prayer. Feel free to invite other women! Please sign up to bring food: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/april22brunch">https://tinyurl.com/april22brunch</a></p>
<p><b>Committee Needs: SST and Missions</b></p>	<p>Openings remain on two important committees established by the Session of CRPC, the Missions Committee and the Staff Support Team. If you have questions or interest regarding these openings, please contact Jim Partridge at <a href="mailto:jim@cityreformed.org">jim@cityreformed.org</a> ASAP, thank you.</p>
<p><b>Nominating Committee Update &amp; Request</b></p>	<p>At the recent Congregational Meeting, a Nominating Committee was formed to evaluate calling Nameun Cho as an Associate Pastor of City Reformed, and concurrently serving as the Executive Pastor. A key part of that process is to ask for input from members of the congregation. The committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider Nameun, his current ministry, and your thoughts about his service to the church in this new role and submitting them in written form. Submissions can be sent to Pat (<a href="mailto:pat@cityreformed.com">pat@cityreformed.com</a>), or in-person reflections can be submitted to any committee member.</p>
<p><b>Holy Week Services April 7 &amp; 9th</b></p>	<p>Good Friday 4/7 - First Baptist Church @ 7pm (no stream provided)  Easter Sunrise - <b>Bartlett Shelter</b> @ 7:30am  Easter Breakfast - 8:45am @ WT  Easter Service - 10:15am @ WT</p>
<p><b>Meals for new parents</b></p>	<p>If you are able to provide a meal for a family that has just added a new baby into the mix, please contact Katie D at <a href="mailto:katherine.dufendach@gmail.com">katherine.dufendach@gmail.com</a>. Meals during the transition are so appreciated.</p>
<p><b>Elder Jim Partridge's health updates can be found here:</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimandtracyjourney">https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimandtracyjourney</a></p>

# Regular Events

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<p><b>Board Game Nights</b> 1st Monday of every month 6-9 PM</p>	<p>Join us April 3rd from 6-9PM for the next monthly board game night (first Monday of each month) in the Greenfield chapel. Contact Gary Atcheson for more details <a href="mailto:gatcheson@gmail.com">gatcheson@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Agora</b> Every other Monday @ 7PM 3929 Coleman St.</p>	<p>We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the Greenfield Chapel at 7 pm (3929 Coleman St). The next meeting is April 3. Contact Alex Main (<a href="mailto:amain8511@gmail.com">amain8511@gmail.com</a>)</p>
<p><b>Youth Group</b> Wednesday Nights EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224</p>	<p>Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! Join us at Seeds 4 the City, City Reformed's combined youth group with Fourth Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Seeds of Hope Anglican Church. Light snacks, fellowship, games, prayer, and a variety of interactions with God's Word fill our time together. Contact Pastor John with questions at <a href="mailto:john@cityreformed.org">john@cityreformed.org</a>. <b>Spring YG dates: 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, and 5/31</b></p>
<p><b>Mens Discipleship</b></p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (<a href="mailto:ahs27@pitt.edu">ahs27@pitt.edu</a> ) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings</b> 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Global Mission Prayer</b> Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Zimbabwe and Craig and Mel Jones. <b>Zoom link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a>.</b></p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b></p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly (March 15th &amp; 29th) @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): Studying Colossians. For more info, or to be added to a separate email list for this group, contact Katelyn Spallinger (<a href="mailto:katelyn@cityreformed.org">katelyn@cityreformed.org</a>).</p>

# 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: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://cityreformed.org/collegestudents)

**Specialty Groups** meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- **Agora Forum- Alex Main** ([amain8511@gmail.com](mailto:amain8511@gmail.com))
- **Men's New Hope** ([Joseph@cityreformed.org](mailto:Joseph@cityreformed.org))
- **Mommies' Group** ([Sandy@cityreformed.org](mailto:Sandy@cityreformed.org))
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** ([Nameun@cityreformed.org](mailto:Nameun@cityreformed.org))
- **Men's Discipleship Committee** ([mdc@cityreformed.org](mailto:mdc@cityreformed.org))
- **Young Women's Discipleship Group** ([Katelyn@cityreformed.org](mailto:Katelyn@cityreformed.org))
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