



Sunday Morning Worship
March 7, 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 website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"Dodging the Blues, but the blues were going fast."

- John Gorka, "Downtown Tonight"

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

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Presider: Reverend Namuen Cho

Call to Worship: Revelation 21:1-6

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

Leader Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

People **And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

Leader And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

People **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."**

Leader And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

People **Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."**

Leader And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

People **To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.**

Prayer of Invocation

What Wondrous Love Is This

(Words: Anonymous; Melody: American Folk Southern Harmony)

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down
Sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

His Mercy Is More

(Words & Music: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Call to Confession: James 4:8-10

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from "Yet I Sin," *Valley of Vision*

Eternal Father, I have seen the purity and beauty of your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, yet I daily violate and ignore its precepts. Your loving Spirit warns me, brings me Scripture's warnings, speaks to me in startling providences, allures by secret whispers, yet I choose devices and desires to my own harm. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them I cry pardon. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:18, 33b-34a

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us... It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

Baptism & Membership Vows: Caleb Kephart

Question to the Congregation:

Do you promise to support Caleb in his Christian walk as you fulfill your own commitments to the church?

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).

Psalm 126

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell 2012)

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.*

The nations will say
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Lamentations 1:1-9, 3:19-33

90 Days Through the Story of Scripture:

"Lament"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

How lonely sits the city
that was full of people!
How like a widow has she become,
she who was great among the nations!
She who was a princess among the provinces
has become a slave.

²She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has none to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;
they have become her enemies.

³Judah has gone into exile because of affliction
and hard servitude;
she dwells now among the nations,
but finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

⁴The roads to Zion mourn,
for none come to the festival;
all her gates are desolate;
her priests groan;
her virgins have been afflicted,
and she herself suffers bitterly.

⁵Her foes have become the head;
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has afflicted her

for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

⁶From the daughter of Zion
all her majesty has departed.
Her princes have become like deer
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

⁷Jerusalem remembers
in the days of her affliction and wandering
all the precious things
that were hers from days of old.
When her people fell into the hand of the foe,
and there was none to help her,
her foes gloated over her;
they mocked at her downfall.

⁸Jerusalem sinned grievously;
therefore she became filthy;
all who honored her despise her,
for they have seen her nakedness;
she herself groans
and turns her face away.

⁹Her uncleanness was in her skirts;
she took no thought of her future;
therefore her fall is terrible;
she has no comforter.

“O LORD, behold my affliction,
for the enemy has triumphed!”...

^{3:19}Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!

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²⁰My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.

²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;

²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;

³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.

³¹For the LORD will not
cast off forever,

³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not afflict from his heart
or grieve the children of men.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Matthew 23:37 / "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

Romans 12:15 / Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 / Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Scriptural Response: John 16:20, 22-24

Leader [Jesus said to them] Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice...

People **You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Words: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan 1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!


Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

<p>Spring Adult CE TONIGHT Sun 3/7 @ 7PM</p> <p>"Is God a Racist, Genocidal Megolamaniac?: Making Sense of the Conquest Narratives" by Dr. Seulgi Byun</p> <p><i>Zoom Meeting LINK: tinyurl.com/CRPConquest</i></p>	
<p>Open Evening Communion Services in GREENFIELD</p> <p>NEXT Sunday 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"</p> <p>Sundays @ 10:15AM</p> <p>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 when you arrive.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Practice Zoom Congregational Meeting</p> <p>TODAY Sun 3/7 @ 12:15PM</p>	<p>For those who need to practice using zoom for the congregational meeting, please join us on zoom, 3/7 at 12:15pm. Zoom link has been included in the Member Packet and in the weekly email. During this time we will practice voting and we'll try to end by 12:30pm. Contact Joseph@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Spring Forward</p> <p>NEXT Sunday 3/14</p>	<p>Daylight Savings Time starts! Spring forward 1 hour before going to bed Saturday 3/13 evening.</p>
<p>Annual CRPC Congregational Meeting</p> <p>NEXT Sun 3/14 @ 12:30PM</p> <p><i>Zoom Large Meeting</i></p>	<p>Members, please make it a priority to attend our first ever virtual congregational meeting. 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>

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<p>Annual CRPC Congregational Meeting NEXT Sun 3/14 @ 12:30PM <i>Zoom Large Meeting</i></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.
<p>Spring Adult CE Webinar Saturday 3/20 @ 10AM</p>	<p>"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.</p>
<p>PLAN FOR EASTER 2021</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Easter Sunday 4/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No breakfast will be served. • Sunrise Service @ 7:30AM with three short meditations. Plan to be at Anderson Playground, Schenley Park unless it becomes clear that we cannot meet there. <p>Our Traditional Service will be held at WT and altered as follows: Two services instead of one. Shorter services of one hour in length.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9AM Indoors @ WT Auditorium & Livestream. Current Sunday morning protocols. • 10:30AM Outdoors @ WT Parking Lot. Sign-ups will not be required. If the second service is rained out, we will move it inside and follow current Sunday morning protocols. 	
<p>NEED: Mosaic Afterschool Program Teachers & Teachers Aids 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: nate@jeannettechurch.com.</p>
<p>NEED: Church Maintenance Position</p>	<p>We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance person for the building (~8 hr/mo). Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Building Work Day Saturday 4/17 @ 9AM-3PM bit.ly/3uk8uFr</p>	<p>We will be laying carpet, painting, and working in the basement. SIGN-UP online: bit.ly/3uk8uFr. Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>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>

<p>90 Days Through the Story of Scripture Through Easter</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Global Missions Prayer Survey: bit.ly/35FHiXk</p>	<p>CRPC Missions Committee is hoping to begin a weekly Zoom prayer meeting. If you are interested, please complete this survey online: bit.ly/35FHiXk. For more info, contact Abbey Mae (methodam1@gmail.com) or Susan (susan@thealexanders.ws).</p>
<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

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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.
