



Sunday Morning All-Age Worship
April 30, 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 or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

- *Jesus*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213
LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM
Greenfield Chapel
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Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

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

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People **Know that the LORD, he is God! 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! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Invocation

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Words: St. Francis of Assisi 1225; Music: Lasst Uns Erfreun 16-1900s)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye souls of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 13-14, 20-23

Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

(Words & Music: Ed Cash, Kristyn Getty, and Keith Getty 2012)

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ Christ He is risen

*Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed (He is risen)*

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness

He's alive He's alive
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive He's alive
Now in heaven glorified

Come Thou Fount

(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan; 1760 Music: Unknown)

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession: Luke 12:16-21

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that this life is fleeting and our time is short, yet too often, we ignore that our days are numbered or pretend that they have no end. We create storehouses of desires seeking to fill up wells that continually leak. We cram our days full and we busy ourselves for nothing. We worry without reason or purpose. We forget, Father, that everything and everyday belongs to you. Forgive us our sins and return our hearts to rest in you. Give us faith to believe the promises of salvation that are ours in Christ. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

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).

Heal Us Emmanuel

(Lyrics: William Cowper 1779 & Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton 2015)

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made you whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away

Pastoral Prayer

We welcome children ages 4-7 to participate in hearing the Word of the Lord as preached by Pastor Joseph. If a drawing is presented at the end of the service, you will receive a lollipop!

Sermon:

Ecclesiastes 5:10-6:6

"The Vanity of Wealth and Status"

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?

¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

^{6:1}There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind: ²a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil. ³If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but

his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. ⁴For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered. ⁵Moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he. ⁶Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good—do not all go to the one place?

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scriptures

Psalms 127:2 / It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Proverbs 13:22 / A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

Proverbs 22:7 / The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Proverbs 22: 26-27 / Be not one of those who give pledges, who put up security for debts. If you have nothing with which to pay, why should your bed be taken from under you?

Isaiah 40:8 / The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon Outline:

Introduction: The wisdom of Wealth

Proposition: Without the Joy of Jesus, all other joys become insatiable snares.

Fallen Condition: Sin brings insatiable desire

Main Points:

The vanity of wealth (vv.10-17)

The conundrum of enjoyment (vv.18-6:6)

Conclusion: The irrevocable wealth of Jesus

Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism 142

Leader What are the sins forbidden in the eighth commandment?

People The sins forbidden in the eighth commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are the following:

- theft, robbery, kidnapping and slave-catching, and receiving anything that is stolen;
- fraudulent dealing, false weights and measures, and moving the marks of property boundaries;
- injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts or in matters of trust;
- oppression, extortion, taking advantage of the poor by charging them interest on loans, bribery, harassing lawsuits, unjust detainments, and unjust removal of people from their land;
- hoarding commodities to enhance the price;
- unlawful callings;
- and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking or withholding from our neighbor what belongs to him or enriching ourselves. In addition:
- covetousness;
- inordinate prizing and desiring of worldly goods and untrustworthy and distracting cares and efforts in getting, keeping, and using them;
- envying the prosperity of others;
- idleness, prodigality, wasteful gaming, and all other ways by which we excessively put at risk our physical well-being and defraud ourselves of the proper use and comfort of the state that God has given us.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Satisfied

(Words: Clara T. Williams 1875 Music; Karl Digerness 1997 Arranged: Daniel Snoke 2010)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some clear spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me.
The one my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

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

Benediction

At tonight's Worship Service, Reverend John McCombs will be preaching from 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 "Paul's Appeal to God's People."

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Oakland Exploratory Committee meeting opportunities (OEC) Zoom, TODAY, 2PM InPerson, May 14, 9AM</p>	<p>We have two opportunities available to talk and ask questions regarding exploring a permanent home in Oakland. TODAY at 2PM and/or May 14th at 9AM. Zoom link can be accessed here: https://tinyurl.com/CRPC-OEC-zoom</p>
<p>Marathon Sunday! May 7th.</p>	<p>The closed roads' map can be found here: https://www.thepittsburghmarathon.com/pages/getting-around-town Please refer to the insert.</p>
<p>Called Congregational meeting: May 21st, WT Auditorium, 11:50AM-1:20PM</p>	<p>Voting on Nameun Cho's Associate Pastor call and questions related to vision and property search. Q@A before will be held on Zoom April 30, 2PM. In-person Sunday May 14, 9:00-9:50AM, WT.</p>
<p>VBS 2023</p>	<p>VBS Registration is OPEN! Sign up to attend or volunteer at www.myvbs.org/CRPC</p>
<p>VBS Planning Team TODAY</p>	<p>Have you been considering joining the VBS Planning Team? All ages are welcome! Our first meeting is this morning, after the service in G8. Contact Becki if you're interested!! becki@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Building Work Day May 20, 9AM-3PM</p>	<p>We will be renovating the Greenfield Chapel, primarily taking out the basement ceiling. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Gary: gatcheson@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Westman Celebration May 27, 4-8PM Snoke Abode: 955 LaClair Street. 15218</p>	<p>Eric and Hannah Westman are moving! Please join us for a goodbye gathering on Saturday, May 27th as we celebrate their time in Pittsburgh and what their friendship has meant to so many in our church and community. We will gather at the Snoke's abode: 955 LaClair Street, 15218. Feel free to stop by anytime from 4-8pm. Use this link to sign up if you would like to help with food for the party! See you there! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AEAD2EA5FD0-westman</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Agora 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 May 1. We will be moving from the doctrine of revelation to the book of Revelation as we discuss the end times and the second coming of Christ. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com).</p>
<p>Game NIGHT: 1st Monday night of every month: May 1st: 6-9PM</p>	<p>Join us May 1st 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 gatcheson@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Youth Group Wednesday Nights EVO 250 S. Pacific Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15224</p>	<p>Calling all 6th-12th graders at City Reformed! Join us at EVO, 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 john@cityreformed.org. Spring YG dates: 5/3, 5/17, and 5/31.</p>
<p>Mens Discipleship</p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p>Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer.</p>
<p>Global Mission Prayer Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Donnie and Kara Williams in West Africa . Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): For more info, or to be added to a separate email list for this group, contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Ultimate Frisbee 12:45 Sundays</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us after Church (12:45) at Westinghouse Park. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Dan Toney (danielrtoney@gmail.com) for more information.</p>

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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

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

- *Agora Forum- Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)*
- *Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)*
- *Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)*
- *Wednesday Morning Prayer (Nameun@cityreformed.org)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)*
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- *Ultimate Frisbee (danielrtoney@gmail.com)*
- *Board Game Gatherings (gatcheson@gmail.com)*

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