



Sunday Easter Morning Worship
April 9, 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

"The messianic victory has begun... the [bright morning star] has already begun to shed its light."

- Dr. Greg Beale, *Revelation*

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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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Church)

Welcome Information:



Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder David Bacon

Traditional Easter Greeting:

L: He is risen.

P: He is risen, indeed!

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

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

Leader But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

People **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Leader But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

People **Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.**

Leader For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

People **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

Leader For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.

People **When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.**

Prayer of Invocation

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

(Words: Charles Wesley 1739 Music: John Walsh 1708)

Christ the Lord is risen today - Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say - Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high - Alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply - Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done - Alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won - Alleluia
Lo the Sun's eclipse is o'er - Alleluia
Lo He sets in blood no more - Alleluia

Vain the stone the watch the seal - Alleluia
Christ has burst the gates of hell - Alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise - Alleluia
Christ has opened paradise - Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King - Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting - Alleluia
Once He died our souls to save - Alleluia
Where thy victory O grave - Alleluia

Hail the Lord of earth and Heaven - Alleluia
Praise to Thee by both be given - Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now - Alleluia
Hail the resurrection thou - Alleluia

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

(Words & Music: Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson 2015)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Sing Hallelujah

(Words & Music: Linda Stassen 1974)

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)

Sing Hallelujah! sing Hallelujah!

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)

Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!

Jesus is risen from the dead.

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)

Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!

Jesus is coming once again.

Call to Confession: Philippians 3:17-19

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we have often failed to walk according to the example you have given us. Too often our conduct has been guided by our appetites and our mind has been set on earthly things. We have failed to weep for the lost. We have been slow to look to godly examples. We need Jesus.

We ask that you would forgive our sins and renew our commitments. Help us to know the righteousness of Christ that we receive through faith alone. Help us to cling to that salvation with all our heart. Help us to see, with hope, the future glory of Jesus and the promise of our complete transformation.

As we remember his resurrection, would you deepen our faith. Deepen our confidence in who we are now, in Christ. Deepen our hope in who we will be, when he returns. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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).

Christ Is Able

(Words: Joseph Hart 1759 Music: Mike Harland & Tommy Walker 2009)

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Come ye wounded weak and worn
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity joined with pow'r

Come ye needy come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh

*He is able He is able
Christ is able doubt no more
Come ye sinners poor and needy
Christ is able still to save*

Come ye weary heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

Come ye ransomed and forgiven
Come ye rescued from the grave
Rise and worship Christ our Savior
For the glory of His name

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 22:16-17, 20-21
"Come, Lord Jesus"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price...

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:3-10, 50-52 / For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain...I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Creedal Response: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. § The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Christ suffered God's wrath on the cross

* Universal church

Songs of Thanksgiving

This I Believe - Apostles' Creed

(Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Matt Crocker 2014)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

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Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

(Words: Matthew Bridges 1951 Music: George Job Elvey 1868)

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose pow'r a sceptre sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity

Benediction

No Evening Service tonight.

Announcements

www.cityreformed.org/events

<p>Sunday School Brunch NEXT WEEK April 16th, 9 AM</p>	<p>Our Sunday School Celebration Brunch is coming up! All classes are invited - including Adult CE. Sign up here to contribute to the table: tinyurl.com/CRPCSSBrunch.</p>
<p>Spring Women's Brunch April 22: 10am-12pm City Reformed Chapel 3929 Coleman Street</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: https://tinyurl.com/april22brunch</p>
<p>Honoring Graduates April 23</p>	<p>If you are graduating from a High School, College or Graduate Program, would you please let us know so that we can honor you -- and celebrate with you? Contact Chrissie at chrissie@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Spring Seminar on Embodiment: Saturday, April 29, 10AM-12PM</p>	<p>Spring Seminar on Embodiment: "Responding to Transgender Challenges." Saturday, April 29, 10:00-12:00; Luncheon Workshop, 12:00-1:00. Greenfield Chapel, 3929 Coleman St. 15207. A Biblically based engagement with contemporary questions around transgender concerns, seeking to be practical, truthful, and compassionate.</p>
<p>Committee Needs: SST and Missions</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 jim@cityreformed.org ASAP, thank you.</p>
<p>VBS - Save the Date!</p>	<p>CRPC Children's Ministry invites you to mark your calendars for the week of July 10th for VBS 2023! We can't wait to see you there!</p>
<p>Join the VBS Planning Team</p>	<p>Do you have a gift for decorating? Organizing? Planning? Have ideas to help VBS run smoothly? Consider joining the VBS Planning Team. All ages are welcome! We will meet 2-3 times between now and VBS. Contact Becki if you're interested! becki@cityreformed.org.</p>

<p>Nominating Committee Update & Request</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. 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 (pat@cityreformed.org), or in-person reflections can be submitted to any committee member.</p>
<p>Meals for new parents</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 at katherine.dufendach@gmail.com. Meals during the transition are so appreciated.</p>
<p>Elder Jim Partridge's health updates can be found here:</p>	<p>https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimandtracyjourney</p>

Regular Events

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<p>Board Game Nights 1st Monday of every month 6-9 PM</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>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 1st: We will continue on discussion on revelation and inspiration by looking at Judaism. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@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 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 john@cityreformed.org. Spring YG dates: 4/19, 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 Jonathan and Vicky, North Africa. Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly (April 12th & 26th) @ 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 (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</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

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)
- **Young Women's Discipleship Group** (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)
- **Ultimate Frisbee** (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
- **Board Game Gatherings** (gatcheson@gmail.com)

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