



Sunday Morning Worship
May 17, 2020

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

Aging is mandatory. Maturing is optional.

- Anonymous

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM [LIVESTREAM]

tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM [CANCELED]

3929 Coleman St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15207 (Greenfield)

Donations

Online: cityreformed.org/give

Mail: to the Church Office address above
"Attn: Allison" (please make checks payable
to City Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Worship Service

City Reformed Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Worship – May 17, 2020
Presider: Reverend John McCombs

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-13

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

Leader There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

People **I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

Prayer of Invocation

Holy Holy Holy

(Words: Reginald Heber 1826; Music: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

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Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Prayer of Confession

Oh Heavenly Father, Judge of heaven and earth, we come before you acknowledging that we don't practice righteousness as we ought, and live instead as if your Son were not returning again. We live as though the pleasures, cares, and glories of this life are eternal and that the eternal glory to come is simply fantasy. Yet, you call us to maturity in faith, built up in Christ, no longer like children who are tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, but rather a people who look like Jesus and look forward to his coming again. Forgive us for our lack of Christ-likeness and our complacency. Help us to not grow weary of awaiting for your Son's return. Give us a hunger for eternal things. Give us hope in Christ, in whom we find our forgiveness and salvation. For we pray in his eternal name. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 4:7, 32

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift... Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We consider tithes and offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. While we are unable to receive your contributions in-person, please direct all giving to our website or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Before the Throne of God Above

(Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook 1997)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2x)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2x)

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2x)

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Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

"Love as Maturity" - Reverend Nameun Cho

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Romans 5:1-5 / Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Ephesians 4:11-16 / And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried

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about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Credal Response: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final songs if you are able.

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

(Words: Kate Wilkinson 1925; Music: Daniel Snoko 2018)

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do, all I say.
May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour' to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his love and pow'r
Only through his love and pow'r.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self removing,
This is my victory.
May the peace of God, my father,
Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be quick to comfort
All the sick and sorrowing,
All the sick and sorrowing.

May his beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing him, only him.
May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward with him go,
As I onward with him go.

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Be Thou My Vision

(Translation: Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905; Tune: "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 thine own may I be
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee!

Riches I heed not nor vain 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

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

Zoom Call for Children Sun 5/17 @ 12PM	Children, meet with Pastor Matt & Chrissie today! For Zoom link, contact Charis (charis@cityreformed.org).
Wednesday Morning Prayer @ 8:30AM tinyurl.com/CRPCpray	We invite you to join others in the church to pray for the needs of our community and world. Feel free to send prayer requests to prayer@cityreformed.org .
Adult CE: "By the Rivers of Babylon: Psalms for the Exiled" Thurs 5/21 @ 8PM tinyurl.com/CRPCAdultEd	Join us Online via Zoom for the final installment of this study. The Book of Psalms encourages us and speaks to us today, especially in difficult times. If Zoom asks you for a password, type "CRPC". Contact Seulgi Byun (seulgi.byun@gmail.com).
Women's Virtual Retreat: "Lessons in Contentment"	Ladies: listen to the four talks up on our website: cityreformed.org/seminars . Participate in one of the Zoom discussion groups offered this week. Contact the Women's Council (wmc@cityreformed.org).
Summer RUF Wed 5/20 @ 8PM	College students, recent college or HS grads, join us via Zoom Wednesday nights during the month of May. Contact Derek Bates (dbates@ruf.org).
Attending Sunday Service "In-Person"	Those interested should sign up by sending an email to sol@cityreformed.org . Each week we will invite people within this pool to fill open seats. Anyone who signs up is agreeing to abide by the guidelines for official activities (as outlined in the member letter), including wearing a facemask throughout the service.
Work Days	Do you have some free time to work on the church building? Volunteers are welcome! Days and times are flexible, so please contact Gary to arrange (412-901-5266 or building@cityreformed.org).
Women's Email Lists	We are cleaning up the email lists for baby & bridal showers and informal events. Please contact Molly (missacrocker@gmail.com) to sign up OR to opt out.

<p>Caring for Each Other and the Deacon's List tinyurl.com/updateCRPC</p>	<p>Please update the deacons by filling out the survey. They are looking to account for people who have needs <i>and</i> people who have abilities and resources to share with others. Contact Nik Melchior (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 Jim (partridge.je6@gmail.com).
<p>Pastoral Devotionals tinyurl.com/CRPCPastorJoseph</p>	<p>Join Pastor Joseph online for encouragement while we are in our homes and away from each other.</p>

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

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

College Students please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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

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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.
