



Sunday Morning Worship
June 13, 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

It is dangerous to live without your heart being captured by awe of God, because awe of God is quickly replaced by awe of you.

- Paul David Tripp

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

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Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 6/20 | 5PM

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Online: Church Center App (Give)
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Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11, 13-14

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

Leader I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High...

People **The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Leader Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!...

People **Be gracious to me, O LORD! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation.**

Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

Every mouth that cries for food,
Every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

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*Oh rejoice in all your works,
King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made,
God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,
Every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,
And the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise:
To the God who made all things,
To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

Wilderness

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke, Keith Watts, & Naaman Wood 2020)

Ev'ry failure that we carry
Is a load you long to take
And redeem it for your glory
With the lightness of your grace
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our hope may seem to wear
Still the wilderness is holy
For we find you meet us there there

Ev'ry trial and temptation
Is a cross you call to bear
That we know more of your patience
And to feel your loving care
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though our faith may seem to bend
In the wilderness you closely
Guard our hearts unto the end

Ev'ry stain and imperfection
You are making wholly new
For our marks shall be reflections
Of the scars you carry too
Though the wilderness is lonely
Though we wander and we roam
Through the wilderness your only
Path of love will lead us home

Blessed is his name
Jesus Christ we sing
Worthy to be praise
Hallelujah!

Through the wilderness
In the desert place
When in trial's I'm pressed
You are there

When I'm all worn down
Let my tongue confess
Covered by your blood
Allelu!
No I won't look back
Staying on your path
Till I reach your door
Allelu!

When my trials are done
I will see your face
And then I'll shout
Allelu!

Though the wilderness is lonely
Though we wander and we roam
Through the wilderness your only
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Call to Confession: Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Prayer of Confession

Great God in heaven, your glory shakes the whole earth. Your holiness is spotless and pure. As your word says, you are a consuming fire and so we should worship you with reverence and awe. The angels shield their eyes in your presence. The greatest prophets trembled before you. We confess that we treat you too lightly. Your word does not weigh heavily on our hearts. We often spend our days in idle pursuits and live as if your kingdom was irrelevant. We are people with unclean lips, who speak words that do not bring you honor. We come from a people of unclean lips who slander you and use your name in vain.

Our hope is in your mercy alone. In Christ we have a savior, a substitute. In our place, he absorbed the penalty for sin. And so teach us to come into your presence with confidence and with reverence. Teach us to be confident in the atonement of Christ. Teach us also to be reverent before you, O God of Glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

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).

Nearer My God To Thee

(Words: Sarah Adams 1841; Music: Lowell Mason 1856)

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my heart am I nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 12:18-29

Journey by Faith to the City of God: "The Unshakeable Kingdom"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Exodus 20:18-21 / Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Isaiah 6:1-6 / In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

Scriptural Response: Deuteronomy 6:22-25

And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.'

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Arise My Soul Arise

(Words: Charles Wesley 1742; Music: Kevin Twit 1996)

Arise my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede.
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise Echo: Arise
Arise Echo: Arise
Arise All: Arise my soul, arise
(Repeat)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die.

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

Attend Morning Service "In-Person" Sundays @ 9AM & 11AM <i>WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</i>	Register on your Church Center App (go to Events), or online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations . Contact Chrissie@cityreformed.org . *** CHECK IN WITH A GREETER IN-PERSON when you arrive.*** Morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.
Women's Informal Gatherings Social events for women of all ages!	Sunday, 6/27 @2-3:30PM Meet at The Abbey on Butler Street (4635 Butler St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201) for coffee if you'd like and then stay for a walk through the historic Allegheny cemetery! Contact Callie Miller (callie.miller@ruf.org).
Young Adult Women's Fellowship	Informal gatherings of young adult women in the church with the purpose to do life together, get to know each other, and to foster a sense of community. Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org .
Ladies Day Out(doors)! Sat 6/19 @ 9:30AM-4PM (come and go as you need!)	Join us for a day of fellowship, worship/devotion, games and more at Deer Lakes Park (1090 Baileys Run Rd, Tarentum, PA 150840)! Bring your own lunch and lawn chair! RSVP here: tinyurl.com/crpcdayout . Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org .
Ladies Monday Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM <i>Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</i>	Every other Monday via Zoom: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)
Ladies Tuesday Bible Study Tuesdays @ 10-11:15AM <i>Zoom</i>	Ladies, join us Tuesday mornings as we study "Loving the Way Jesus Loves," by Phil Ryken - A study on I Corinthians 13. Contact Tracy (partridge.ta@gmail.com).
Men's Discipleship Committee	MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org .

Men (young and old)	Camping....fellowship....fire...food...Moraine State Park, 5 Points group tenting site...Friday-Saturday 7/16-17/2021...CRPC Men's Post-Pandemic Retreat-be there!! More info to come!
NEED: Church Maintenance Position	We are looking to hire a part-time maintenance person for the building (~8 hr/mo) Contact Gary (building@cityreformed.org).
Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM	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.
Bethany Community Ministries Summer Youth Program 2021	LVL UP! Serving the youth in the Homewood community of Pittsburgh. July 6th - Aug. 5th, M-Th only, 9 am - 3 pm. There are both paid staff and volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers interested can sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/BCMVolunteer . Interested in a paid teacher position please contact Amanda Taylor at adtaylor621@gmail.com .
Make Connections via Online Media	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. <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

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

Women of City Reformed, please join us for a...

LADIES' DAY OUT (DOORS) !

Saturday, June 19th, 9:30-4:00

(Come & go as you need!)

DEER LAKES PARK

1090 Baileys Run Rd, Tarentum, PA 15084

SCHEDULE

9:30	Welcome
10:00	Worship + Devotional
10:45	Free time/activities
12:00	Lunch (bring your own)
12:30	Small group prayer
1:00	Free time/activities

PACKING LIST

- Picnic lunch
- Camp chair/blanket
- Favorite lawn game (optional)

OTHER INFO

- We will have use of a covered pavilion
- Snacks + drinks will be provided
- If you'd like to plan a small group activity, please contact katelyn@cityreformed.org!

RSVP at tinyurl.com/crpddayout

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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.
