



**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**June 18, 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"Man-wife-children families are temporary blessings for this age. In the age to come, they will not exist (Matt. 22:23-30). But the church will exist as a family forever."

- John Piper, *This Momentary Marriage*

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM

Winchester Thurston Auditorium

5059 Ellsworth Ave

Pittsburgh PA, 15213

LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Service

5:30PM

Greenfield Chapel

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# Morning Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Jim Partridge

## Call to Worship: Psalm 68:4-8

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

Leader Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

People **Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.**

Leader God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

People **O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness.**

Leader The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,

People **Before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Psalm 9 | Hope of the Poor

*(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2015)*

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed  
In times of trouble and need.  
To all who will come and trust in His name,  
A refuge and strength He will be.

*The needy will not be forsaken,  
and the hope of the poor will not die;  
For God who is mighty in judgment  
Does not forget their cry!*

Arise, O my Lord and answer my call;  
My heart cries out to be heard!  
I've no other hope than your gracious love;  
I trust and cling to your word.

The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has heard our cry!  
The Lord has not forsaken us;  
The Lord has heard our cry!

So sing out to God who sits on the throne,  
Proclaim his marvelous ways!  
Our rescue has come! For all he has done,  
We offer our lives in praise!

## I Stand Amazed

*(Words & Music: Charles H. Gabriel 1905)*

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed not my will but thine  
He would not yield to his own grief  
But sweat drops of blood for mine

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*How marvelous how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous how wonderful  
Is my Saviour's love for me*

In pity angels beheld Him  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me

## **Scripture Reading:** John 15:1-11

### **Abide with Me**

*(Words: Henry Francis Lyte 1847; Music: Justin Smith 2007)*

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me oft as I left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who, like Thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

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I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death Where grave thy victory  
I triumph still abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord abide with me

## **Call to Confession: Exodus 20:3-6**

"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess the many ways we fashion idols for ourselves and worship other gods. We confess the ways we worship you with our mouths, but our actions and hearts are far from you. Material possessions, approval of man, self-importance, and many other worldly temptations compete for our attention. We confess the ways we even idolize good things you have made, like family, sex, jobs, and comfort. Father, help us as we confess our sins once again and return to the only Lord of Lords. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Timothy 2:5-6**

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

# Missions Moment: Susannah Clarke Sonbare

## 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](http://cityreformed.org/give); 3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

### Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

*(Words: Henry Lyte 1825; Music: Bill Moore 2001)*

Jesus I my cross have taken  
All to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute despised forsaken  
Thou from hence my all shall be  
Perish every fond ambition  
All I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition  
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me  
They have left my Savior too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me  
Thou art not like them untrue  
O while Thou dost smile upon me  
God of wisdom love, and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me  
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast  
Life with trials hard may press me  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest  
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me  
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure  
Come disaster scorn and pain  
In Thy service pain is pleasure  
With Thy favor loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather  
All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station  
Something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee  
Think what Father's smiles are thine  
Think that Jesus died to win thee  
Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee  
God's own hand shall guide us there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days  
Hope shall change to glad fruition  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise



# 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:

**Matthew 22:23-33**

**"Momentary Marriage"**

- Reverend Joseph Bianco

**T**he same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, <sup>24</sup>saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.' <sup>25</sup>Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup>So too the second and third, down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup>After them all, the woman died. <sup>28</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her."

<sup>29</sup>But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup>For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup>And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: <sup>32</sup>'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." <sup>33</sup>And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Additional Scriptures

Exodus 3:6 / And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

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Deuteronomy 25:5 / "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her."

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1 Corinthians 13:12 / For 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.

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Ephesians 5:31 / "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

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## Sermon Outline:

**Big idea:** Jesus calls us away from our limited views of God and towards a picture of a God who is greater than we could imagine or currently experience. God astonishes the weak mind of secular man.

**Fallen condition:** Mankind is tempted towards functional atheism, like squeezing blood from stones.

**Main Points:** How do we combat the temptation to be stuck in the secular?

1. Refrain from taking sides
2. Put marriage in its proper place compared with eternity
3. Believe God is enough for me, now and forever

**Conclusion:** The God who loves

## **Creedal Response:** Westminster Larger Catechism

Q105: What are the sins forbidden in the first commandment?

**A105: The sins forbidden in the first commandment are atheism, in denying or not having a God; idolatry, in having or worshipping more gods than one.**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Christ Is Mine Forevermore

*(Words & Music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson 2015)*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## 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 Mark Robinson will be preaching from Zephaniah 1:1-18, "The Judgments of the Lord are True and Righteous."*

# Announcements

<b>Volunteers Needed for VBS July 10-14!</b>	Check out the VBS table to see the roles we still need, and sign up to attend or volunteer at <a href="http://www.myvbs.org/CRPC">www.myvbs.org/CRPC</a>
<b>VBS Donations</b>	If you would like to donate supplies to help make our crafts, games, and teaching a success, please stop by the VBS table in the cafeteria after the service and pick up one or more supply donation slips. Thank you!
<b>New Grief Share Recovery Ministry at CRPC</b>	Have you recently lost a family member or friend? GriefShare is an international, biblically based ministry to help you navigate and receive support in your grief journey after the loss of a loved one. Contact Katrina ( <a href="mailto:katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com">katrina.campbell.170@gmail.com</a> ). <a href="http://Griefshare.org">Griefshare.org</a>
<b>Women's Summer Study Tuesdays @ 7:30-9PM, from June 6th - July 18th</b>	Join us for a six-week study on Jen Wilkin's book "Ten Words to Live By" meeting on Tuesday nights from 6/6-7/18 from 7:30-9pm (except 7/4) at Sam's Highland Park home. Contact Rachael Leuenberger ( <a href="mailto:raleuen@gmail.com">raleuen@gmail.com</a> ) or Sam Phillip ( <a href="mailto:samantharaephilip@gmail.com">samantharaephilip@gmail.com</a> ) for more info!
<b>Men and Boys of CRPC! Camping Trip: Moraine State Park 5 Points Group Campground: June 30 - July 2</b>	No registration or cost for coming. And opportunities for many activities such as ultimate frisbee, relaxing by a campfire, fishing from Mr. Luke's boat, bike riding, swimming, maybe even rockclimbing! Downside is we are providing spiritual food only (devotions), the rest is on you! Those with disabilities can reserve a spot in a modern cabin with Luke Kephart. So bring your sons and invite your friends and neighbors!! Questions can be directed to Adam Schwab ( <a href="mailto:ahs27@pitt.edu">ahs27@pitt.edu</a> ) or Jim Partridge ( <a href="mailto:partridge.je6@gmail.com">partridge.je6@gmail.com</a> ).

# Regular Events

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<p><b>Agora Forum:</b> 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). Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)</p>
<p><b>Game NIGHT:</b> Monthly July 3rd: 6-9PM</p>	<p>Join us July 3rd 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><b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> Monthly</p>	<p>Although many of us are retired, anyone who is free for lunch, please join us (and bring a friend!) at 12pm once a month. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Mens Discipleship</b></p>	<p>Please contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu ) if you are interested in getting more connected.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 8:30-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Join our staff as they pray for our church. Wednesday weekly prayer is held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Global Mission Prayer:</b> Mondays @9PM</p>	<p>Join our church in prayer for our mission partners. We will be praying for Mike and Caroline Miller in Athens, Greece. <b>Zoom link:</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcglobalprayer</a>.</p>
<p><b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group</b></p>	<p>Wednesdays bi-weekly @ 7PM at Katelyn Spallinger's Home (1815 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203): For more info contact Katelyn Spallinger (katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p><b>Ultimate Frisbee:</b> Thursdays @ 6PM</p>	<p>Anyone who is interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee is welcome to join us Thursdays (6 PM) at McKnight Playground near the aviary. Contact Dan Toney, danielrtoney@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Summer RUF @ Breeden Abode:</b> Dinner at 6pm</p>	<p>Thursdays, starting on June 1st at the Breeden Abode, 414 Stratton Lane (Shadyside) Dinner at 6.00pm, Study + Discussion at 7.00pm. All college students, recent HS grads, and recent college grads are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact gavin.breeden@ruf.org or callie.miller@ruf.org</p>

# Groups

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

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- RUF at Pitt: Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller (gavin.breeden@ruf.org, callie.miller@ruf.org)
- [cityreformed.org/collegestudents](http://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)
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- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** (Nameun@cityreformed.org)
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- **Young Women's Discipleship Group** (Katelyn@cityreformed.org)
- **Ultimate Frisbee** (danielrtoney@gmail.com)
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