



Sunday Morning Worship
June 27, 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

"Joviality is not the only mood of the Christian life, but somebody that does not have a godly, sanctified joviality perhaps has a one-dimensional or not as fully human expression of the Christian life. The New Testament seems to present both fasting and feasting as normative for the Christian experience — both lamentation and celebration. Most of us find it hard to get the balance or proportion right, but those are both strongly held values in the Gospels."

- Philip Ryken

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM

9AM LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.

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Church Center App:



Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot

5059 Ellsworth Ave

Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 7/11 | 6PM

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)

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Worship Service

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Presider: Elder Andy Leuenberger

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:25-31

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

Leader From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

People **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

Leader All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

People **All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

Leader Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

People **They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

Prayer of Invocation

His Mercy Is More

(Matt Boswell & Matt Papa 2016)

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

O Come to the Altar

(Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye 2015)

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found Good and upright

Call to Confession: Matthew 22:2-4

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'"

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess to you that we have often set our sights too low. We have focused on money, and entertaining ourselves, and avoiding pain. Like animals reacting to stimuli, we have often reacted to our passions and angers and pleasures without thought. Like mice, we have scurried in fear before the powers of this world.

Lord, lift up our eyes. We were made in your image, for something far greater. Your kingdom is an eternal and glorious kingdom, populated by people from every language, and tribe and nation. You have planned all history to culminate in your glorious city, the New Jerusalem, and we play a role in that story. All creation cries out to praise you, the Holy One. Change us, O Lord, to remember that our citizenship is in heaven and we are not mere animals or slaves of this world, for you have redeemed us through the blood of your Son. We praise you, for you alone are worthy for us to fix our eyes on. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Membership Vows: Jim and Yvonne Barnickel (9AM)

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).

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

(Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, & Wendell Kimbrough 2017)

Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown

*For I am with you I am with you
I am with you I am with you
For I have called you
Called you by name
Your labor is not in vain*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labor to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 13:1-6, 14-16

Hebrews: Running the Race with Endurance

"Hospitality (Again!)"

- David Snoke

12:28 Therefore 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.

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Genesis 18:1-8 / And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Job 31:16-17, 22 / "If I have withheld anything that the poor desired, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless has not eaten of it ... if the men of my tent have not said, 'Who is there that has not been filled with his meat?'"

Isaiah 58:6-7 / "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

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Luke 14:12-14 / He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Acts 2:46 / And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

Romans 12:13 / Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

I Corinthians 4:3 / But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

1 Peter 4:9 / Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Sermon Outline

- I. The law of hospitality
 - A. What is it?
 - B. Who should do it?
 - C. How often?
 - D. Practical issues

- II. The larger context of Hebrews: the promises of God
 - A. Why do we tend to not act this way?
 - B. Antidote: the promises of God
 - C. Two different attitudes toward life as a Christian

Scriptural Response: Revelation 16:6-9

- Leader Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,
- People **"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready."**
- Leader It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure," - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
- People **And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."**

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able (Please pick up children from CC)

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Sandra McCracken 2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

Morning Service Sundays @ 9AM & 11AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213	We will serve communion at our Sunday AM service NEXT SUNDAY, July 4th and will resume our practice of serving communion on the first Sunday of each month. Morning Service Livestream at 9AM continues indefinitely.
Evening Service OUTDOORS Every Other Sunday @ 6PM WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth, 15213	**NOTE: Evening Communion Services remain OUTDOORS through the summer. Also, please note the TIME CHANGE, service will begin at 6:00 PM. July services: July 11th and 25th August services: August 8th and 22nd.
Nursery Ministry Reopening Sundays 9AM	TODDLER Nursery (2-3 yrs) has reopened in the Dance Studio (G8). Please pre-register your toddler crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations . INFANT Nursery (0-23 months) reopens on July 11. Nursery Disciplers NEEDED! If you would like to serve in the nursery to care for and disciple our littles, please sign up: tinyurl.com/servantcity . Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.
Men's Retreat Friday, July 16th - Saturday, July 17th Moraine State Park tinyurl.com/ MensRetreat2021	Join us for an informal men's retreat with a time of camping and fellowship. Please bring your own meals, tents, and camping gear. We will be having two devotionals with a time of worship and prayer. Our main goal will be to spend time together as men in the church. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. Contact Adam Schwab (ahs27@pitt.edu).
Joint Picnic with Bethany Baptist Sunday, July 18th @ 1PM	City Reformed will join Bethany Baptist Church for a joint picnic. The picnic will begin at 1:00 pm and continue throughout the afternoon. Details to follow.
Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 26 - 30 10:30AM-12:30PM Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21	REGISTRATIONS OPEN for VBS 2021: Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through Children 4 yrs old to rising 5th graders. Sign up as a VBS Child, Youth Crew Leader, or Adult Volunteer. Register online: tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21 Contact Charis@cityreformed.org.
All Church Picnic Wednesday, July 28th Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park	Save the date! 5:30 pm B.Y.O.Picnic 7:00-8:00 Music, worship, and celebration

<p>Women's Informal Gatherings Social events for women of all ages!</p>	<p>TODAY 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 (callie.miller@ruf.org).</p>
<p>Shelly Scott InterVarsity Christian Fellowship <u>TONIGHT Sun 6/27 @ 7PM</u> Hosted by Regent Square CG, at the Snoke's Home: sandy@cityreformed.org</p>	<p>Shelly Scott serves with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as the Area Director for Western Pennsylvania. InterVarsity is a Christian campus ministry seeking to reach every campus and every corner of campus that is unreached by the gospel. If you would like to learn more and how you can partner with us, join is tonight.</p>
<p>Young Adult Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Ladies Monday Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM <i>Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</i></p>	<p>Every other Monday via Zoom: Becoming A Woman of Purpose (Biblical Growth Towards Peace and Fulfillment). Contact Cathy Taylor (lawyerdad5@aol.com)</p>
<p>Men's Discipleship Committee</p>	<p>MEN who are interested in discipleship through a mentoring relationship, contact Adam at mdc@cityreformed.org.</p>
<p>Bethany Food Bank and Master's Kitchen Service Thurs @ 9AM - 1PM or 4 - 6PM; Fri @ 12 - 1PM</p>	<p>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.</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 (kspallinger@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.
