



Sunday Morning Worship
June 6, 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

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable."

- C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM

LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

NURSERY SIGN-UPS: Church Center App
(Events)OR crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations

Church Office

3929 Coleman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207
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cityreformed.org

Church Center App:



Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 6/6 | 5PM

Donations

Online: Church Center App (Give)
OR cityreformed.org/give

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

Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – June 6, 2021

Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:12-14, 19-25

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

Leader But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

People **For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified...**

Leader Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

People **With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

Leader Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

People **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

Prayer of Invocation

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

(Words: Edward Perronet 1780; Music: Oliver Holden 1793)

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Great Are You Lord

(Words & Music: Leslie Jordan & David Leonard 2012)

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Call to Confession: Hebrews 3:13

But, exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we cry out for your mercy. By nature, our hearts are hard and we can't make ourselves holy. And so we rejoice again in the wonder of the gospel. Though we fall short of your holy standard, through faith in Christ we are declared righteous in your sight. We are saved, not because we have made ourselves godly, but because you justify the ungodly. This same power that brought us new life is changing us. We are being made into the image of your Son.

But we confess that we are slow to change. We often feel stuck and struggle to believe that you are re-molding and re-shaping us. Sometimes we simply struggle to believe that change is possible. We pray that you would renew our faith and give us new sight. Awaken our hearts to your love and lead us into new obedience. Make us new. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 9:26b

But as it is, [Christ] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Membership Vows: Max & Jenny Winters (9AM) Andrew Roberts (11AM)

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).

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

(Words: George Croly 1854; Music: Daniel Snoko 2020)

Spirit of God descend upon my heart
Wean it from sin through all its pulses move
Stoop to my weakness mighty as Thou art
Make me to love Thee as I ought to love
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

I ask no dream no prophet ecstasies
No sudden rending of the veil of clay
No angel vision no revealing skies
Take now the dimness of my soul away
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee God and King
All all Thine own soul heart and strength and mind
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling
O let me seek Thee O and let me find
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear
Come check my rising doubt, my rebel sigh
Teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love
One holy passion filling all my frame
Baptize my life with heav'ns descended Dove
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame
Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Hebrews 12:12-17

Journey by Faith to the City of God: "Healing for the Wounded"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears."

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Additional Scripture

Genesis 25:33-34 / Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 26:34-35 / When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 27:36-38 / Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?" Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

Deuteronomy 29:18-19 / Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.'

Creedal Response: Westminster Confession of Faith (13.1)

Those who are at one time effectively called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them. The dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the various lusts of it are weakened and put to death more and more; those who are sanctified are given life and strengthened more and more in all of the saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

Song of Thanksgiving

Please stand for the final song if you are able.

Speak Peace

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko & Paul Zach 2019)

*Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to your saints
Speak peace to your people
Speak peace to all the earth*

Surely his salvation is at hand
Unfailing love and truth have met
Righteousness will cover all the earth
And his glory will fill the land

Lord revive your joy in us again
And let us hear what you will say
Will your anger always be on us
Will you not restore us again

You have covered all our sin
We have been restored again
Show us your unfailing love
Grant us salvation

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 WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213	No need to register as of June 6, 2021. We will continue to wear masks until June 20, 2021 afterwhich masking is up to individual/family descretion. We will continue with two services for immediate future. 9 am morning Service Livestream continues indefinitely.
Attend Evening Communion Service TONIGHT 6/6	Please join us for communion, tonight at 5pm. Because we will be worshipping, distanced and outside, no masks are required.
Nursery OPEN	Toddler Nursery (2-3 yrs) reopens at the 9AM worship service. Located in the Dance Studio (G8). Spaces limited. Please pre-register at tinyurl.com/CRPCNURSERY2021 . Contact Charis, charis@cityreformed.org .
Women's Informal Gatherings Social events for women of all ages!	BONFIRE 6/4 @7:30-9:30PM: Come hang out with us at Becki Toney's house! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and food/snacks for the table if you'd like! Contact Katelyn@cityreformed.org
Young Adult Women's Fellowship	An informal gathering 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! Contact Sandy@cityreformed.org .
Ladies Monday Bible Study Mondays @ 6-7:30PM Zoom	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 Zoom	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

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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.
