



Sunday Morning Worship
July 4, 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

"Modern people make the painfulness of marriage even greater than it has to be, because they crush it under the weight of their almost cosmically impossible expectations...we look to sex and romance to give us what we used to get from faith in God."

- Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

9AM & 11AM
Winchester Thurston Auditorium
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

9AM LIVESTREAM: tinyurl.com/CRPCLive

Sunday Evening Communion Service

Winchester Thurston Parking Lot
5059 Ellsworth Ave
Pittsburgh PA, 15213

SUNDAY 7/11 | 6PM

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Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – July 4, 2021
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 27: 1, 4-6

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

Leader The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ...**

Leader One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

People **To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

People **He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

Leader And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Prayer of Invocation

Praise the Lord the Almighty

(Words: Joachim Neander 1680 Translator: Cathrine Winkworth 1863)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for
He is thy health and salvation!

*All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!

*Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and
Mercy here daily attend thee.

*Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.*

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.

*Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

Psalm 27 | The Everlasting

(Words & Music: Fellowship Church 2010)

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear of whom shall I be afraid

*I will wait for you I will wait for you
I will wait for you I will wait for you*

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord
I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You
We set our hope on Your love
We set our hope on the Lord
Who is the everlasting God
You are the everlasting God

Call to Confession: Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

Prayer of Confession

Father, you alone are perfect and holy. We want to believe that we are pretty good people, but in reality our lives are dirty and our thoughts are impure. We sin daily in thought, word, and deed. We would love to cover this up and pretend that it is not true. But your law convicts us. When we see your commandments they become a mirror to us. We see that we are selfish and sinful. We hurt others and we turn from you. We have no hope of being righteous on our own.

So we thank you for Jesus. He is our righteousness. In his death we have life. In his resurrection we have power to put sin to death. By faith we are your children. Make your law clear to our eyes so that sin is clear and Christ is seen to be precious. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him

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).

Psalm 146 | Put Not Your Hope In The Nation

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough and Paul Zach)

Put not your hope in the nation
Put not your hope in a king
Trust in the only one who opens eyes
And sets the pris'ner free

He is the maker of heaven
He formed the earth and the sea
Our help will come from the Lord our God
Our gracious king of peace

*Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul
Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul*

He is the hope of the hungry
He is the Lord of the feast
Our Father's house always opens wide
To welcome refugees

The fatherless find a Father
The widow rests in His strength
The heart of God is forever home
To all the poor and weak

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 after the sermon from Children's Church.

Sermon: Hebrews 12:28-13:6

Hebrews: Running the Race with Endurance

"Let Brotherly Love Continue, Part 3: The Marriage Bed"

- Reverend Matthew Koerber

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, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

^{13:1}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?"

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional Scripture

Genesis 2:18 / Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Matthew 5:27 / "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Matthew 19:3-12 / And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

Ephesians 5:31-33 / "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

Communion

City Reformed Presbyterian Church offers communion to all Christians who trust Jesus Christ alone for their salvation and who are baptized members of a Gospel-affirming Church. If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, or if you have not yet publicly joined yourself to his church, we ask that you refrain from receiving communion, but we invite you to reach out to one of our pastors (nameun@cityreformed.org). We also invite you to use the time of communion as a focused time of prayer – asking God to reveal himself to you (Eph 1:17-20) and to reveal the saving purposes of Jesus more deeply (John 16:8).

The service of communion at this morning service will be different from our standard practice.

- *Please remain in your seat, the elders will come to you and serve you.*
- *A single cup, containing a wafer and juice, will be placed in each person's open hand. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. When all have been served, we will eat and drink together.*
- *Please throw your own cup away as you exit.*

Songs of Communion

Parents are encouraged to pick up their children from Children's Church at this time.

Solid Rock (My Hope Is Built)

(Words: Edward Mote 1834; Music: William Batchelder Brandbury 1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Come Thou Fount

(Words: Robert Robinson & Martin Madan 1760; Music: unknown)

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come,
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Doxology

(Words: Thomas Ken 1674; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

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

Life Together

<p>Rose</p>	<p>Celebrate Drew & Mariah's son, Alden, born on May 23rd.</p>
<p>Morning Service Sundays @ 9AM & 11AM WT, 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>We have resumed serving communion on the first Sunday of the month. Morning Service Livestream at 9AM continues indefinitely.</p>
<p>Evening Service OUTDOORS NEXT Sunday July 11th @ 6PM WT Parking Lot 5059 Ellsworth, 15213</p>	<p>**NOTE: Evening Communion Services remain OUTDOORS through the summer. <i>Also, please note the TIME CHANGE, service will begin at 6:00 PM.</i> July services: July 11th and 25th August services: August 8th and 22nd.</p>
<p>Nursery Ministry Reopening Sundays 9AM</p>	<p>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 NEXT Sunday July 11th. 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.</p>
<p>New Part-Time Position at City Reformed</p>	<p>Children's Ministry Coordinator, oversees all ministry for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. 28 Hours/week. Job description is found at: cityreformed.org/employment.html</p>
<p>Men's Retreat Friday, July 16th - Saturday, July 17th Moraine State Park tinyurl.com/MensRetreat2021</p>	<p>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).</p>
<p>Women's Informal Gatherings Social events for women of all ages!</p>	<p>Wednesday July 7 @6-7:30PM Meet at Biddle's Escape Food Truck (401 Biddle Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15221) for dinner and/or coffee! Contact Katelyn (Katelyn@cityreformed.org).</p>

<p>Joint Picnic with Bethany Baptist Sunday, July 18th @ 2PM Monroeville Community Park 2399 Tillbrook Rd, Monroeville PA 15146</p>	<p>City Reformed will join Bethany Baptist Church for a joint picnic. The picnic will begin at 2:00 pm and continue throughout the afternoon. Chips and soda will be provided, BYOPicnic.</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 26 - 30 10:30AM-12:30PM Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park tinyurl.com/CRPCVBS21</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>All Church Picnic Wednesday, July 28th Vietnam Veteran's Pavilion, Schenley Park</p>	<p>Save the date! 5:30 pm B.Y.O.Picnic 7:00-8:00 Music, worship, and celebration</p>
<p>PRISM Garage Giveaway August 20&21</p>	<p>PRISM is collecting donations of small furniture and appliances for international students. Key needs: volunteers, drivers, lifters for giveaway days. Drop-off days: August 16,17,18 from 10am to 8pm Setup & Sorting: August 16-19 from 10am to 8pm Giveaway days: August 20&21 Contact Bernadette (bfischer.prism@gmail.com)</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 Cathy Taylor's House, 1532 Williamsburg Place</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

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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.
