



Sunday Evening Service
January 19, 2020

Welcome to City Reformed Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us for worship today. Please feel free to stick around after the service and ask questions about who we are and what we do! If you would like more information, please refer to our print newsletter, *City This Month*, or visit our website: cityreformed.org.

Reflections

Give me the storm and tempest of thought and action, rather than the dead calm of ignorance and faith! Banish me from Eden when you will; but first let me eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge!

- Robert G. Ingersoll

About Us

Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM
Twentieth Century Club
4201 Bigelow Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)
Morning Venue Change - February 2020

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Sunday Evening Worship Service

6:00PM
3929 Coleman St.
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Donations

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Worship Service

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Sunday Evening Worship – January 19, 2020
Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

Call to Worship: Psalm 1

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

Leader Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

People **But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

Leader He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

People **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Prayer of Invocation

Jesus Messiah

(Words & Music: Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin)

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

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*Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Stricken Smitten and Afflicted

(Words: Thomas Kelly 1804; Music Unknown 1850)

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's son, yet David's Lord;
By his Son God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, you who hear him groaning,
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress;
Many hands were raised to wound him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

You who think of sin but lightly
Nor sup-pose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrificed appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built.

Catechism Readings: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward mankind in the state in which the first man was created?

A. When God had created the man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, on the pain of death.

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the state in which they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state in which they were created by sinning against God.

Q. 14. What is sin?

A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q. 15. What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created?

A. The sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Call to Confession: Romans 6:1-2, 12-14

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ...Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-2, 7-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ...Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

We do not take a formal offering in our evening service. If you feel led to contribute as an act of worship, an offering box is available in the back corner of the sanctuary.

Psalm 51 | God Be Merciful To Me

(Words: Richard Redhead 1912; Music: Christopher Miner 1997)

God, be merciful to me, On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just. Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust; By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee.
Savior, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

Pastoral Prayer

Additional Scripture

Leviticus 5:17 / "If anyone sins, doing any of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, though he did not know it, then realizes his guilt, he shall bear his iniquity."

James 2:10 / For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Sermon: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-13

"The Slipperiest of Slopes" - Reverend Nameun Cho

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." ...

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loicloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was

naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

City Reformed Church invites all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sins and trust Christ alone for salvation, and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. Parents with non-comuning children are encouraged to bring their children forward during communion. The elders will lay a hand on their head and briefly pray for them as they serve you.

Communion will be served by elders to several people at a time at the front of the church. When you are ready, please proceed up using the left aisle. At the ushers' guidance, you may move forward to receive the elements as a group. Please return to your seat using the right aisle.

Communion is served with wine and with grape juice. The wine is placed in the outer circle of the communion tray, and the grape juice is placed in the inner circle. The bread is gluten-free.

Songs of Communion

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

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*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(Words & Music: 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.

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

Please join us for a time of fellowship after the worship service. If you would like to contact a pastor, please email joseph@cityreformed.org.

Life Together

Additional detail can be found on: cityreformed.org/events.

<p>Church Moving Party NEXT Sun 1/26 @ 1PM <i>TCC & 3929 Coleman St.</i></p> <p>Mon 1/27@ 6PM <i>Winchester Thurston</i> <i>5059 Ellsworth Ave. 15213</i></p>	<p>After the congregational meeting on Sunday 1/26, be a part of City Reformed history and help us move out of the TCC! Sunday we will move most belongings to our building in Greenfield - pizza dinner provided after unloading! Come to church dressed to move and please let Sol know if you plan to help.</p> <p>On Monday 1/27, we need 6 volunteers to help at WT to assist Charis & Sol at 6PM. Contact Sol (sol@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>Annual Congregational Meeting NEXT Sun 1/26 @ Noon <i>TCC Ballroom</i></p> <p>Nomination Period Open Until 1/31/20</p>	<p>Members, please make it a priority to attend. Andy Leuenberger and Jim Partridge will stand for re-election as Elders. Nik Melchior and Jeff Winkler will stand for re-election as Deacons. Alexis Wright and Sarah Winkler will stand for re-election to the Women's Ministry Council during the Women's Ministry section.</p> <p>The nomination period is open for Elders, Deacons and Women's Ministry Council until 1/31. Please send nominations to: Pastor Matt (pastormatt@cityreformed.org).</p>
<p>PGH Project Work Day Sat 2/15 @ 8AM-5:30PM <i>2801 North Charles Street</i></p> <p>Sign up by 2/2</p>	<p>Help provide free home repairs to the elderly and disabled. Middle School age to adults are all welcome to participate. The Deacons will cover the fees for any college students that wish to come and sign up by the deadline (2/2). For all others, there is a \$50 fee, \$15 of which is due by 2/2. Contact David Bacon (bacon1986@gmail.com). Register online: crpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events</p>
<p>Agora Forum Mon 1/20 @ 7PM <i>G-10 Allen Hall,</i> <i>3941 O'Hara St. 15213</i></p>	<p>Please note the corrected date of Monday 1/20 for the next Agora Forum meeting. Contact Kathryn Claudy (klclaudy@gmail.com).</p>