



**Sunday Evening Commissioning
Worship Service
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City Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Presider: Reverend Nameun Cho

Call to Worship: Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

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

Leader Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People **For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

Leader He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

People **He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

Leader He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel.

People **He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!**

Prayer of Invocation

January 2025 Ethiopia Team - Pittsburgh members

Alex W.

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Psalm 104 | Rejoice in All Your Works

(Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough 2014)

Every mouth that cries for food,
Every lung that yearns for breath,
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,
King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made,
God of all-sustaining grace!
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,
Every bird that seeks its nest,
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—
All creation looks to you
For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,
And the song upon my lips,
With the chorus of creation join in praise:
To the God who made all things,
To the Spirit who sustains,
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

For The Beauty Of The Earth

(Words: Follitt Pierpoint 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher 1838)

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love
Brother sister parent child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

For Thyself best gift divine
To the world so freely given
For that great great love of Thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

Call to Confession: 2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father we lift up our prayers to you. You are light – in you there are no shadows. You are life – by your power all things were created and are sustained. You are glorious – infinite, eternal and unchanging in all of your perfection. You have called us to be lights shining in the darkness of the world, voices testifying to the nations about the life of Christ and images reflecting your glory to people who do not know you. But we fall short of this calling. We need again, today, the grace of Christ to forgive us and sustain us. Send your Spirit to empower us, so that we may live for you and bring honor to your name. May we be instruments of grace to our neighbors. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

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)

O Come To The Altar

(Words & Music: 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

Scripture & Homily: Acts 13:1-3; 14:19-28
"To the Ends of the Earth... and Back"

- Reverend Nameun Cho

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off...

^{14:19}...But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸And they remained no little time with the disciples.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** _____

Congregational Prayer & Ethiopia Team Commissioning

Additional Scripture

Acts 9:15-16 / But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

Romans 1:1 / Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God.

Galatians 1:15 / But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace.

Song of Thanksgiving

Isaiah 55 | So Shall His Word

(Words & Music: Liz Vice & Sandra McCracken)

So shall his Word that goes out, that goes out,
Shall not return, not return empty.

It shall make a name for the Lord.

It shall make a name for the Lord.

Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.

Come all who thirst, laborers, lay it down.
Come seek the Lord while he may be found.

We shall go out, out with joy led in peace.
Join in the song all creation sings.

We shall make a name for the Lord.

We shall make a name for the Lord.

Let the Light make a name for the Lord in the dark.

Benediction