



**Easter Sunday Morning Worship**  
**April 20, 2025**

# 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](mailto:office@cityreformed.org) or visit our website: [cityreformed.org](http://cityreformed.org).

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## Reflections

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen.'"

– Matthew 28:5-6

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## About Us

### Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15AM  
Winchester Thurston Auditorium  
5059 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
LIVESTREAM: [tinyurl.com/CRPCLive](http://tinyurl.com/CRPCLive)

### Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:30PM  
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# Morning Worship Service

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Sunday Morning Worship – April 20, 2025

Presider: Elder David Bacon

## Traditional Easter Greeting:

Leader He is risen.

People He is risen, indeed!

## Call to Worship: Acts 2:22b-33, 36 (The words of the Apostle Peter at the Feast of Pentecost)

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

Leader Hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

People **God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.**

Leader For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

People **Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.**

Leader For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

People **"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.**

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- Leader Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.
- People **This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.**
- Leader Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, ...
- People **Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."**

## Prayer of Invocation

### Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

*(Words: Charles Wesley 1739; Music: John Walsh 1708)*

Christ the Lord is risen today - Alleluia  
Sons of men and angels say - Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high - Alleluia  
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply - Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done - Alleluia  
Fought the fight the battle won - Alleluia  
Lo the Sun's eclipse is o'er - Alleluia  
Lo He sets in blood no more - Alleluia

Vain the stone the watch the seal - Alleluia  
Christ has burst the gates of hell - Alleluia  
Death in vain forbids Him rise - Alleluia  
Christ has opened paradise - Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King - Alleluia  
Where, O death, is now thy sting - Alleluia  
Once He died our souls to save - Alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave - Alleluia

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Hail the Lord of earth and Heaven - Alleluia  
Praise to Thee by both be given - Alleluia  
Thee we greet triumphant now - Alleluia  
Hail the resurrection thou - Alleluia

## **Scripture Reading: Psalm 16**

*The reading of Psalm 16 will be accompanied by this refrain:*

### **Sing Hallelujah**

*(Words & Music: Linda Stassen 1974)*

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord (echo)  
Sing Hallelujah! sing Hallelujah!  
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.

Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)  
Jesus is risen from the dead. (echo)  
Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen!  
Jesus is risen from the dead.

Jesus is coming once again. (echo)  
Jesus is coming once again. (echo)  
Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!  
Jesus is coming once again.

## Living Hope

(Words & Music: Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham 2018)

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your lovingkindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ, My living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom  
Such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah,  
Praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah,  
Death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning  
That sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, yours is the victory!

## **Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-29**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Father, you offer us salvation from our fears and strength to face our daily tasks. But we are always running. We escape into entertainment, endless work, and the never ending climb after achievement. Give us grace to return to you. Teach us to rest. Quiet our hearts. Convince us that you are trustworthy. Renew us by your Holy Spirit. Show us Christ in glory and power, so that our mind would be set on him. Keep us in perfect peace. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:13-14**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace...

## **Corporate Prayer**

# Song of Renewal

*We consider tithes & offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. Cards and donations can be placed in offering bags. Giving can also be directed online ([cityreformed.org/give](http://cityreformed.org/give)) or sent via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).*

## So Rest My Rest

*(Words & Music: Daniel Snoke 2023; Inspiration & Title by Solomon Frank 1659-1725)*

You left within a rocky cave  
My guilt that brought you to the grave  
O Lord you are the doubters' friend  
The Rock on which my confidence depends

O Prince of Life! One thing I know  
That when I too in death lie low  
The chains of sin that hold me down  
Will be transfigured to a holy crown

*So rest my Rest your love has won  
With your death my work is done  
Your life my life and your rest my rest  
On you my soul relies  
With you my hope will rise*

My Jesus King O day by day  
Help me to watch to learn and pray  
Because you died and rest I rest  
My life in you will be forever blest



# Pastoral Prayer

*At this time, children ages 4-7 are invited to continue their worship at Children's Church. Please pick them up after the sermon.*

## Sermon: John 20:1-18

### "In the Garden with the Risen Lord"

- Reverend Matt Koerber

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing

him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Creedal Response: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 52. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

**A. Christ was exalted in his resurrection in that, not having seen corruption in death<sup>1</sup>, and having truly the same body in which he suffered<sup>2</sup> really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead on the third day by his own power.**

**By this he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death and him that had the power of it, and to be lord of the living and the dead.**

**All of this he did as a public person as the head of his church, for their justification, to enliven them in grace, to support them against their enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.**

*1. in which it was not possible for him to be held*

*2. with the essential properties of it, but without mortality and the other common infirmities belonging to this life*

# Songs of Thanksgiving

## Wood and Nails

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, Keith Watts, & Madison Cunningham 2017)

O humble carpenter down on your hands and knees  
Look on your handiwork and build a house  
So you may dwell in me  
So you may dwell in me

*The work was done with nothing but wood and nails  
In Your scar-borne hands  
O show me how to work and praise  
Trusting that I am Your instrument*

O loving laborer with the sweat upon your face  
O build a table that I too may join you  
In the Father's place  
Oh in the Father's place

*The kingdom's come and built upon  
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness  
So send me out within Your ways  
Knowing that the task is finished*

*The dead will rise and give You praise  
Wood and nails will not hold them down  
These wooden tombs we'll break them soon  
And fashion them into flower beds*

*The curse is done the battle won  
Swords bent down into plowshares  
Your scar-borne hands we'll join with them  
Serving at the table You've prepared*

## **I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

*(Words: Samuel Medley 1775; Music: "Duke Street" John Warrington Hatton 1793)*

I know that my Redeemer lives  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives  
He lives He lives who once was dead  
He lives my everlasting Head

He lives my kind wise constant Friend  
Who still will keep me to the end  
He lives and while He lives I'll sing  
Jesus my Prophet Priest and King

He lives to silence all my fears  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart  
He lives all blessings to impart

He lives to bless me with His love  
He lives to lead for me above  
He lives to raise me from the grave  
And me eternally to save

He lives to grant me daily breath  
He lives and I shall conquer death  
He lives all glory to His name  
Jesus unchangeably the same

## **Benediction**

*There will be no Evening Worship Service tonight.*

# Announcements

[www.cityreformed.org/events](http://www.cityreformed.org/events)

<b>Recognizing Graduates</b>	Are you graduating this Spring? Please send us a note at <a href="mailto:chrisie@cityreformed.org">chrisie@cityreformed.org</a> so that we can acknowledge your accomplishments and give you a gift! We will honor our graduates Sunday, April 27th.
<b>Worship in Gymnasium</b> April 20 & 27	Worship services on these Sundays will be relocated to the gymnasium, and the fellowship hour will be cancelled. Please consider helping us tear down our chairs and put away equipment following the service.
<b>Artist Workshop</b> Saturday, April 26 3-5 PM Greenfield Chapel	The next Artist Workshop will be on April 26th, 3-5pm at the Greenfield chapel. We will discuss the second half of Walking on Water by L'Engle. Bring any artwork you want feedback on including any current work in progress. Childcare available upon request and limited.
<b>Marathon</b> Sunday, May 4	The marathon will impact almost everyone's ability to get to church unless you live "inside the loop!" We will have more information in our weekly email about how to get there. Please reach out to <a href="mailto:chrisie@cityreformed.org">chrisie@cityreformed.org</a> if you have any questions.
<b>Building Work Day</b> <b>Greenfield Chapel</b> <b>3929 Coleman Street</b> Saturday, May 10	Work day will include small repairs and major debris removal and house cleaning. For more information please call or email Bill Gould (412-389-2859, <a href="mailto:wwgould@verizon.net">wwgould@verizon.net</a> ).
<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> Saturday, May 17 9-10:30 AM	Men, and young men of City Reformed, please join us for a nourishing breakfast and a time of fellowship and spiritual reflection. Pastor Derek Bates will be our guest speaker and will lead us through the next topic in our Caring for One Another teaching series! Registration is now open at the following link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring25PB">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCSpring25PB</a>

# Regular Events

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<b>College Shuttle:</b> Sundays	<b>9:30AM- PPU:</b> 201 Wood St; Contact: Daphne: drriddl@pointpark.edu <b>9:45AM- PITT:</b> 4024 O'Hara St; Contact: Rebekka: rjh152@pitt.edu or David: DGT12@pitt.edu
<b>Agora Forum:</b> Every other Monday 7:00 PM 300 Saline Street	We discuss theology and popular culture topics from a Christian perspective. We meet every other Monday at the new building at 7 pm (300 Saline St). The next meeting is May 5th. Contact Alex Main (amain8511@gmail.com)
<b>Global Missions Prayer:</b> Monday @ 9:00 PM	We will be praying for Jon and Beka this week on April 21st. Held on Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024">https://tinyurl.com/CRPCglobalprayer2024</a>
<b>Bean Sprouts Ministry:</b> 3rd Wednesday 12:00 PM	The next Bean Sprouts meeting will be Wednesday, May 21st at noon in the Greenfield Chapel. Contact Joe Stehle: joestehle@gmail.com.
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meetings:</b> 8:30-9:30 AM	All are welcome to join our Wednesday prayer community. We begin with Scripture, move to a general opening prayer of adoration/thanksgiving, then share specific prayer requests and pray through them. Held on Zoom at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer">https://tinyurl.com/crpcwednesdayprayer</a> .
<b>Youth Group:</b> Biweekly Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Greenfield Chapel	Youth Group will continue on April 23rd. We invite all middle and high school students to join us as we study God's Word!
<b>Young Adult Women's Discipleship Group:</b> Bi-Weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Meets on the North Side and Squirrel Hill. Contact Lindsay Karr for more info: lindsay.karr@gmail.com.
<b>Thursday Women's Bible Study</b> 1:00-3:00 PM	Women's Bible study on Becoming A Woman of Prayer. Thursdays from 1:00-3:00PM at Cathy Taylor's House. Contact Cathy Taylor for more information at lawyerdad5@aol.com
<b>Mommies' Discipleship Group:</b> 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement as we pray for one another and study the book of Luke. Contact Sandy for more info: scssnoke@comcast.net.
<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>	Young Adults Fellowship is a monthly time of fellowship, food, and connection for young adults at City. Contact Claire Josey, clairemjosey@gmail.com, for information on our next gathering.

**College Students** please refer to campus ministry contacts below:

- CMU: Chris Bollinger (cwbollinger@gmail.com)
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- *cityreformed.org/collegestudents*

**Specialty Groups** meet in particular areas of interest for Bible study, fellowship, learning, and service.

- *Agora Forum (amain8511@gmail.com)*
- *Men's New Hope (Joseph@cityreformed.org)*
- *Mommies' Group (Sandy@cityreformed.org)*
- *Wednesday Morning Prayer (Nameun@cityreformed.org)*
- *Men's Discipleship Committee (mdc@cityreformed.org)*
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