

Community Presbyterian Church

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August 2, 2020

*Welcome to worship
this morning!*

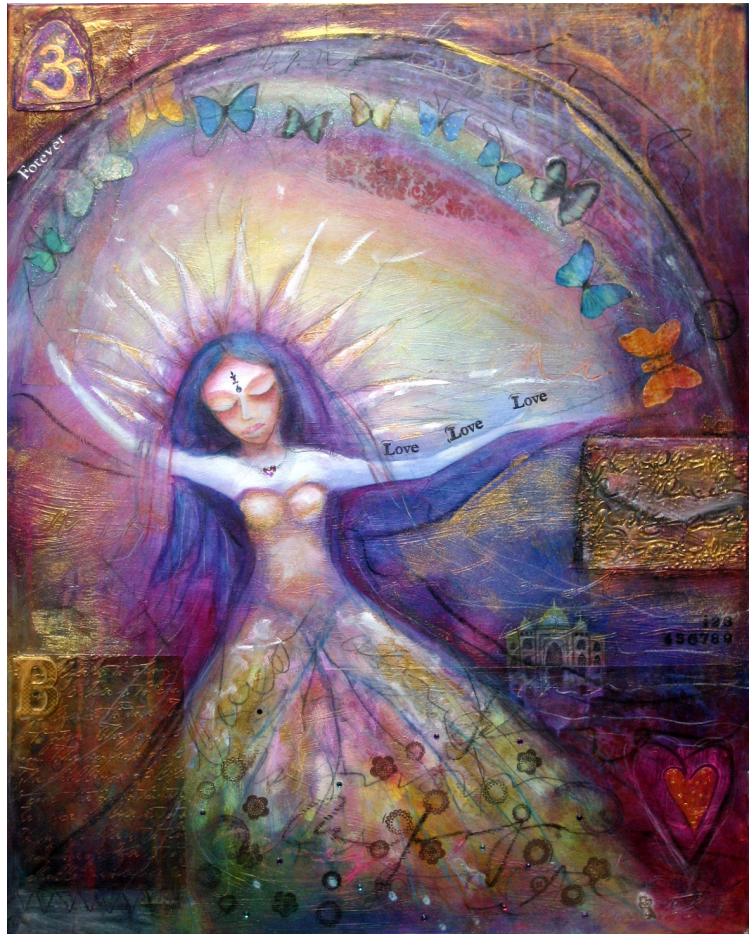
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congregational response.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP



All who hunger—gather gladly.

We come to feast on the life-giving Word.

Now love abounds and grace overflows.

Now blessings multiply as gifts are shared.

Let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,
and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us examine our lives.

CONFESSION

God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings
 become food to satisfy a multitude.

Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes
 with hope and grace.

In you there is always more than enough.

But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share,
 too little energy to respond to neighbors in need.

We turn from those who suffer
 rather than offering compassion and care.

Forgive us; transform us.

**Open our hands to share freely,
 and stretch our hearts to new ways of loving.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for God has glorified you.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Our God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Beloved is good to all, with compassion over all creation.

You uphold all who are falling, and raise up the oppressed.
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are just and kind at all times and in all ways,
Near to all who call on your name.

You fulfill the desire of all who call on you, to hear and save them.

You watch over those who love you and defend them from evil.
I will praise you for all your goodness to me!

May all creation bless your holy name!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist at the hands of King Herod, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dance of Abundance

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 312

Take Us As We Are, O God

vs. 1 and 3



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(In lieu of a time of offering, people are invited to unmute one by one and share something that has inspired gratitude or given them hope in this past week; when all who desire to do so have spoken, we will collectively pray in response.)

PRAYER

God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our own lives before you; we give our lives to you. In this time of global crisis, we give thanks for all your continued care, not for us alone, but for your whole suffering and precious world. We are yours, today and eternally.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our great joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (GTG 595) Holy, Holy, Holy

sing twice



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dore you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 649

Amazing Grace

vs. 1, 3, and 4



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

Christ's food in our souls; **our food shared like his.**

Christ's life in our hands; **our lives shaped by his.**

Christ's love in our hearts; **our love warmed through his.**

Christ's peace on our path, **our path following his.**

May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go.

And the blessing of the God of life, the blessing of the Christ of love,

and the blessing of the Spirit of grace be upon you now and forever. **Amen**

Allies & Advocates at CPC

Sunday, August 9, 2:00 -3:30 pm

Rochester's Diversity Council's "Allies & Advocates is an interactive, scenario-based training that provides individuals with the opportunity to learn about and practice responses to incidents they may encounter in their daily lives. The session provides tools and tactics to interrupt bias and hate through effective deescalation, respectful intervention, and social accountability." If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to the church office.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, August 2, 2020

9:30 am Online Worship Service
with Communion

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, August 3

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 4

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, August 7

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, August 9

9:30 am Online Worship Service



Judy Leal
Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's great-grandson,
Kaiden Nelson
Sherrie Wilson's niece, Michelle

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at
507-280-9291 or
email office@cpcrochester.org.
For emergency pastoral care,
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Tuesday/Friday Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

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Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
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Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

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