

# Community Presbyterian Church

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## *Liberating Love: Learning Trust*

**September 20, 2020**

*Welcome to worship this morning!*

*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

*We hope to see you again soon!*

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw near to the Compassionate One, who hears our pleas and our praise.

**We rest in God's holy presence.**

Here is bread that the Bountiful One provides; here is manna to nourish our souls.

**We feast on God's life-giving Word.**

Remember God's wonderful works each evening;

See God's glory dawn with the morning's light.

**Come, let us worship the Lord !**

### OPENING HYMN GTG 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*vs. 1 and 2*



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.

## 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

Generous One, your bounty surprises us.

For you do not mete out grace according to how hard we work,  
or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules.

No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire.

But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not.

We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve.

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us to live with humility and gratitude**

**so that our deeds as well as our words tell of your grace.**

## 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord*

Augustana Choir

Arranged by Moses Hogan

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the fire of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to your word, O God. Help us to hear your voice and follow your paths all the days of our lives. **Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your

complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG 48 Rain Down *sing twice*



Rain down; rain down; rain down your



love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain



down; rain down your love, God of life.

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God’s love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 105 (adapted)

Let the hearts of those who seek the Almighty rejoice;

Seek divine strength and presence continually.

Remember God's wonderful works:

**Miracles were performed and judgments uttered.**

God the Deliverer brought Israel out with silver and gold,  
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad, for fear of I AM had fallen upon them.

**Worship the One who led them by cloud and by fire.**

I AM FOR MY PEOPLE sent quails in the wilderness,  
and gave them food from heaven, manna in abundance;

I AM opened the rock, and water flowed through the desert like a river,

**Remember the promises made to Abraham, and to us, today.**

I AM WHO I AM brought the people out with joy and with singing;

And gave them the lands of the nations to possess as their inheritance,

so they might keep the Lawgiver's statutes and observe the laws.

**We, too, hear and obey God's good teachings. Praise the Lord!**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not

allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Liberating Love: Learning Trust*

Pastor Jan

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 762

When the Poor Ones

vs. 1, 2, 4



1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,  
2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,  
4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,  
when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,  
when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,



when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,  
when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,  
when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

*Refrain .*



then we know that God still goes that road with us,



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## JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

**hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

## 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.

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 741

Guide My Feet

2 verses

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the God who provides for all fill your emptiness with her fullness;

May the Spirit of Love stir your hearts to tenderness;

May the Breath of Life move within you, and through you, to the world

May the Spirit of Boldness send us out to be the change we seek.

**Thanks be to God.**

Now may the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in believing that you overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

# Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race;  
guide my feet while I run this race, for I  
guide my feet while I run this race, for I  
don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*2. Stand by me....*

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## TODAY AT CPC

### Sunday, September 20

9:30 am Online Worship Service  
12:00 pm Newsletter Information Due

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, September 21

10:00 am PW Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, September 25

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

### Sunday, September 27

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:30 am Book Discussion Group

1:30 pm Democracy Discussion Gathering



Judy Leal  
Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and  
the Burgstaler grandchildren  
Connie Holst  
MariLynn Johnson  
Vera Atkinson's great-grandson,  
Kaiden Nelson

*To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at  
507-280-9291 or  
email [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto: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#

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

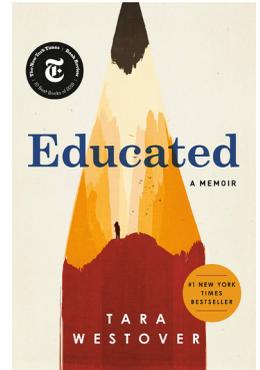
Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
IT Support	Ronda and Bill Marshall

# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



How can the end of September come so soon? Next Sunday we will discuss Educated, Tara Westover's memoir about life for her family of separatists in the mountains of Idaho.

Our discussion group is made up of friendly people who will welcome you whether you choose to share in or listen to the discussion. So, if you have or haven't managed to read the book, we welcome you and think you will enjoy the hour after church; just keep your computer on after worship, we will meet online!



**Coming September 27!**

This fall's election will be like none other in our lifetimes. To ensure that all have the opportunity to vote in safety and with confidence that their vote will be counted, we will offer an informational session on Sunday, September 27 at 1:30 pm. We will gather, virtually, to discuss the voting process - in person and absentee as well as other topics! This is more about the process than the politics. Use the same credentials as we use for Sunday mornings! See you there!



This week, the **PW Bible Study** will continue with Lesson Two: Lamenting Together. In preparation, you may find the PW Blog helpful: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2020/08/31/into-the-light-lesson-two/>. "See" you at 10 am on Monday! Use the link that we use for worship each week!

Please note: Children's Place Nursery School began last week. Because of Covid, if you are stopping by the church, please come when Stephanie or Pastor Jan are there to let you in or use your own key for the church front door (door number 1). As easy as it is, we cannot enter through the Children's Place door AND we need to stay on our side of the building during nursery school hours.

