

Community Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to worship this morning! Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.



January 17, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your eyes, open your ears;

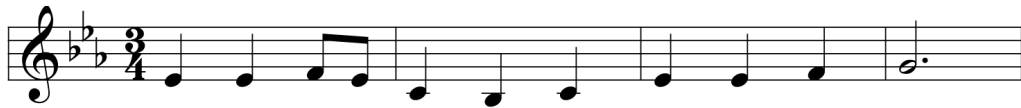
Open your heart to Christ, our teacher and friend.

Open your eyes, open your ears;

Open your heart to Christ, our healer and salvation.

Wherever you are, whoever you are, God calls you.

Open your life to Christ! Let him guide our steps.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from our God, maker of heaven and earth,
 whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you brought love to life for us in Jesus Christ,
 who ate with sinners and shared his life with outcasts;
 who touched the untouchable and healed without judgement.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your call:
 when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care.**

**Help us when we cannot feel your love,
 when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence.**

Forgive us, and free us to try again and yet again.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who trust in the Holy Name will renew their strength.
They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Shall Overcome

Oakwood University Aeolians

by Charles Albert Tindley, arr. by Robert T. Gibson from Huntsville, AL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, John the baptizer repeatedly speaks of Jesus as one greater than himself; he described his own role as preparing the way for Jesus' coming. When he saw Jesus passing by, he cried out, "Look, the Lamb of God." Two of John's own disciples heard and followed Jesus. One was Andrew, who in turn called his brother, Simon, whom Jesus renamed Cephas, or Peter (meaning "rock"). Both became disciples. In today's passage, two more disciples follow the call.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good

come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Word became flesh and lived among us. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Who's Calling? Whose Calling?

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 720

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

vs. 1 and 3



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."

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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.**


SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 370

This Is My Father's World




1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

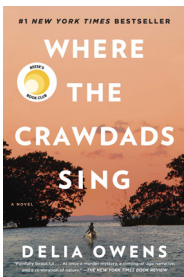
CHARGE AND BLESSING

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Holy Name forever.

Alleluia!

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me.

Amen



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, January 24 following worship (Just stay online after worship!). The group will be discussing Where the Crawdads Sing. All are welcome, whether they've read the book or not!

ANNUAL MEETING



**Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 31
following worship**

On Sunday, January 31st, CPC will have its annual meeting following worship (about 10:30 am). Presently, the plan is to hold this meeting virtually - so just stay online after worship! If that should change, you will receive notification ahead of time. All members of CPC are invited and encouraged to attend!

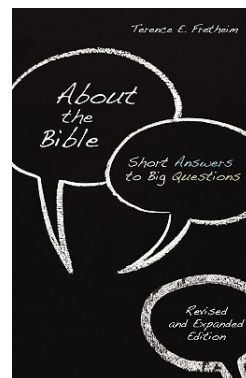
Submissions for the Annual Report are due on Monday, January 18.

About the Bible: Bible Study to begin Tuesday, January 19

The Bible is the backbone of our Christian faith, a chief source of our knowledge of God. But how much do we really know about the Bible itself? Who wrote it? And when? And why? How does it apply to life today?

Our winter/spring Bible study looks at these and other questions. Our primary resource is a book called *About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions*, by Terence Fretheim. We'll also take a look at passages used in our Sunday services.

Those interested will meet virtually, Tuesdays at 10 am, starting on January 19, for 10 weeks. Contact Pastor Jan if you're interested in joining this discussion.



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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, January 17

9:30 am Online Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, January 18

Office Closed

Annual Report Submissions Due

Tuesday, January 19

10:00 am Online Bible Study

12:00 pm Conference Call *

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, January 20

6:30 am Prayer Group

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

Friday, January 22

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:30 am Book Discussion Group



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and

the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Joanne Powell, upcoming surgery

Family of Ray Wall, brother of Bonnie

Kinion and uncle of Carole

Kinion-Copeland

*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 /Bible Study

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>

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