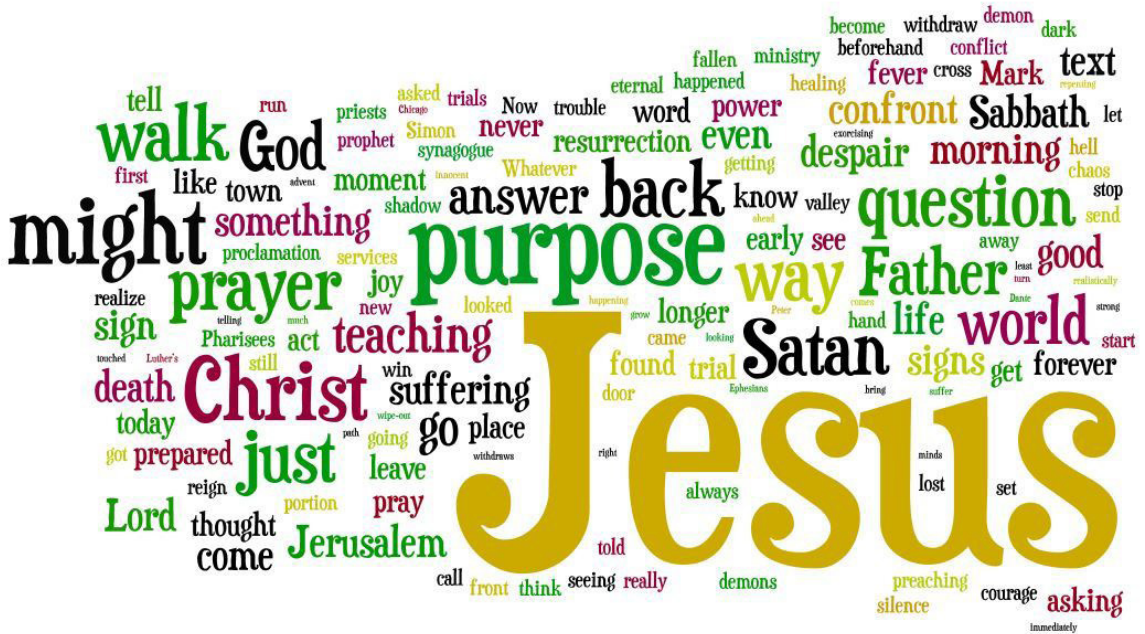


Community Presbyterian Church

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February 7, 2021

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship and sing joyfully to God,
who is gracious and worthy of praise!

God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.


God gives the stars their names and makes grass grow on the hills.

Let us hope in God's steadfast love and worship God together!


OPENING HYMN GTG 26

Earth and All Stars!


vs. 1 and 4




1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing



snow - storm! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
mem - bers!



mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

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

O God, you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts.
Forgive us when we contribute to the things that break *your* heart.
You would have us share our gifts with the world,
but we keep our resources close and our minds closed.
You would have us live in faithful community,
but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust.
You would have us see all people as our siblings,
but we try to separate ourselves from anyone
whose existence challenges our comfort.

**Forgive us, O God, by your grace,
and free us to be agents of your healing**

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.

Boy Scout Oath and Law recited by Troop 82

Ronda Marshall

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

1867 United States Slave Song

performed by Robert Robinson and the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir

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

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and

makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 147:1-11, 20

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
who is gracious, and worthy of praise.

Praise the One who builds up Jerusalem and gathers the outcasts,
who heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**God, the Creator, numbers the stars
and gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power,
whose understanding is beyond measure.**

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden
but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

**The Eternal One covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the hills.
The Great Giver provides the animals with food,
and feeds the young ravens when they cry.**

God does not delight in the strength of the horse,
nor take pleasure in the speed of a runner;
but rejoices in those who honor the Holy Name,
who hope in the steadfast love of the Most Blessed.

Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

SERMON

Rev. Ann Siverling

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 774

There Is Now a New Creation

vs. 1 and 2



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

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.

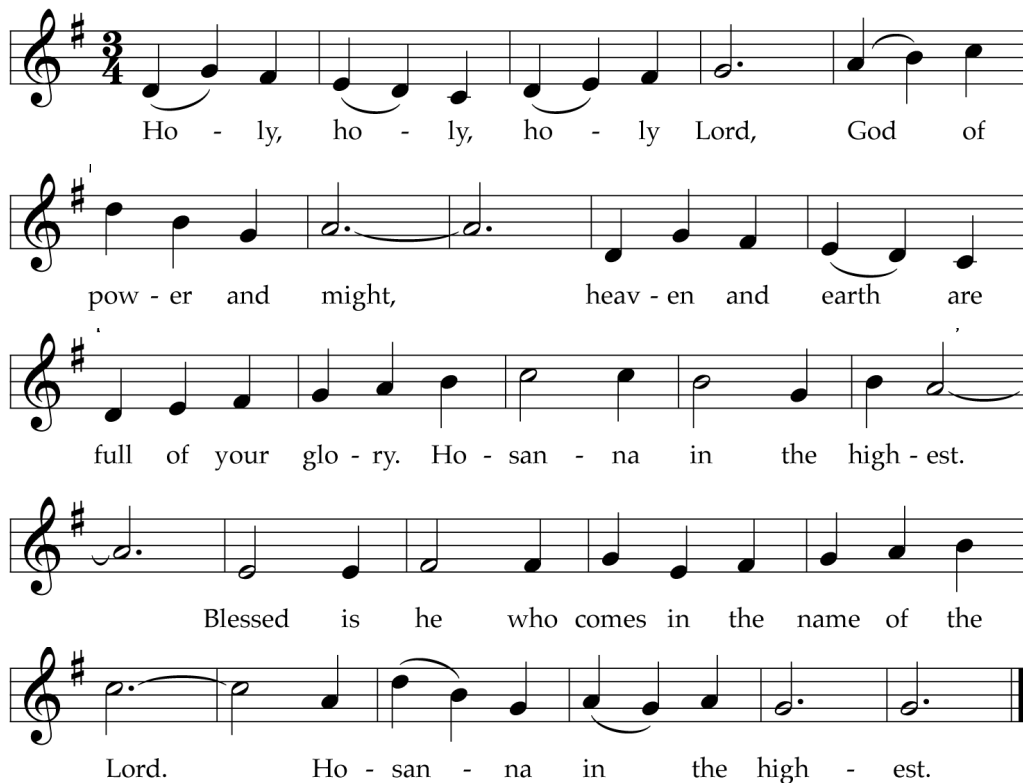
We lift them to the Lord.

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 572 Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of this table—precious, prayerful, and poignant—like gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Lead us forth by your light to share the gifts of your grace with all people everywhere, giving glory, honor, and praise to Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 515

I Come with Joy

vs. 1 and 5



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us 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

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, February 7

9:30 am Online Worship Service
with Communion

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, February 9

10:00 am NO Online Bible Study
12:00 pm NO Conference Call *
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, February 12

12:00 pm NO Conference Call*

Sunday, February 14

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:30 am Blue Sky Conversation



Judy Leal
Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and
the Burgstaler grandchildren
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Sherrie Wilson and family,
on the death of her aunt

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at
507-280-9291 or
email office@cpchester.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>
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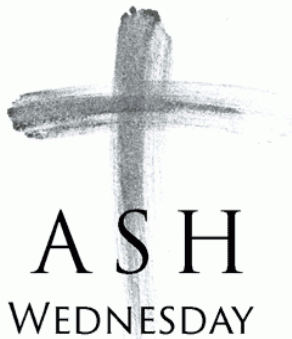
* Tuesday/Friday Conference Call

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Pianist	Glenna Muir
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Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Sue Chipman
IT Support	Louis Bouchard



WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday will be different this year. You are invited to pick up ashes at church or have them sent to you (let Stephanie know by 2/14). Then on the evening of Ash Wednesday, during the Online Worship service (7:00 pm), you will be invited to put ashes on your own forehead or your family members' foreheads.

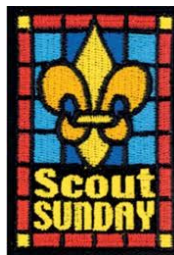
Brighter days are coming! The pandemic and economic downturn are a burden to many, so now is great time to discuss what we can do when the world turns right-side-up again. Be part of our first **Blue Sky** conversation on Sunday, February 14, following worship, and ending promptly by 11:15.



CPC has a strong tradition of mission to answer God's call now. How can we build on that tradition? What is your dream for the future of CPC? What's God's dream for CPC? For the world? Where is God already at work in our midst? How can we be part of it?

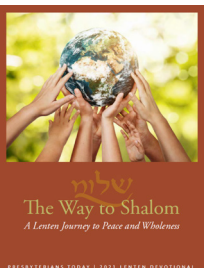
Your voice, your prayers, your spirit are important! This is not an invitation to be part of a committee, but to chime in as the Spirit moves you. Please plan to stick around next Sunday after worship for our **Blue Sky** conversation!

Today is Scouting Sunday. During the service, we'll watch a video recording of Boy Scout Troop 82 reciting the Boy Scout Oath and Law. Peter and Heather Marshall, and Tristan Bohl are the three scouts BSA active in this troop, led by Ronda Marshall.



Office Notes

- Stephanie will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9-noon (at least).
- Pastor Jan will be taking time off from February 3-12. She will not be traveling out of Rochester, so will be available for pastoral emergencies.



Lenten Devotionals will be available for pickup beginning Wednesday, February 10. They will also be available on the website and via email.