

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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Welcome to worship this morning!

March 21, 2021

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

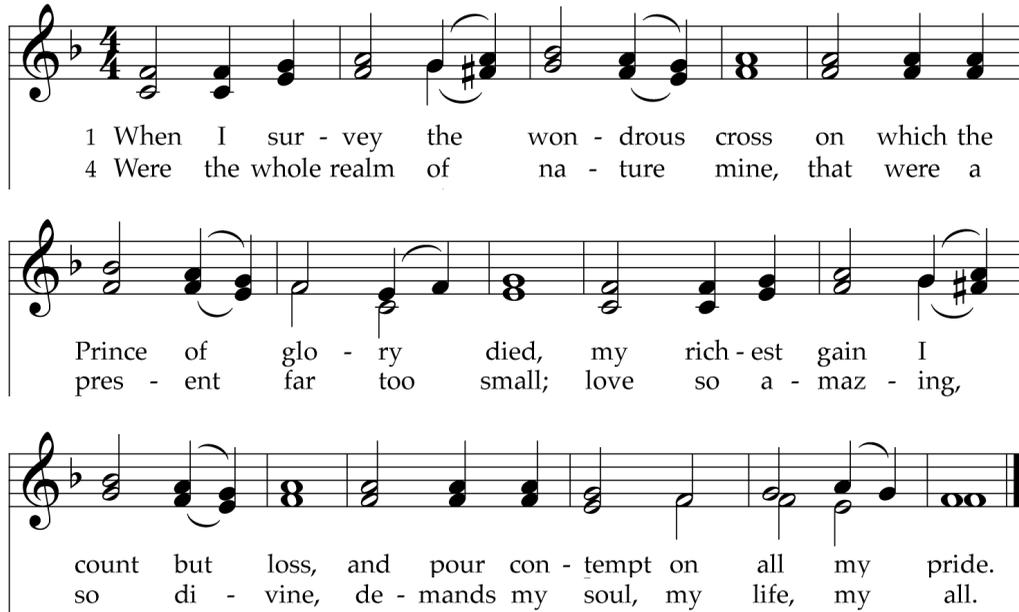
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We gather again during Lent to examine our hearts and our lives and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.

Let us seek God with our whole hearts and treasure God's word in our spirits.

**God has marked us as beloved dust  
and called us together to worship.**



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

In the name of Christ, I urge you:

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

CONFESSION

Through Lent we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits.

Forgive us if we have prayed with words but not with actions.

Forgive us if we have contributed to the suffering of others,

and forgive us of what we have failed to do

that could have lightened a neighbor's burden.

**Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.**

**Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Were You There*  
arranged by Sandra Eithun

Jubellation Handbells

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, your Word is our way of truth and life. Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Holy Spirit within us, so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SCRIPTURE READING     Jeremiah 31:31–34

*During Lent, we have heard of God's covenant of peace with Noah following the flood, God's covenant with Abraham promising to make a great nation of his descendants, and God's covenant with the Israelites, giving them laws for human flourishing. Much later, God speaks through the prophet Jeremiah of a new covenant that will become part of them, written on their hearts.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### RESPONSIVE READING     Psalm 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?  
By safeguarding your promise in their hearts.  
With my whole being I seek you;  
do not let me stray from your commands.

**I delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.**

I treasure your word in my heart,  
so that I may not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, Merciful Judge; teach me your statutes.  
With my lips I declare all your ordinances.

**I delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.**

I delight in your decrees as much as in all riches.  
I will meditate on your precepts,  
and fix my eyes on your ways.

**I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.**

GOSPEL READING                      John 12:20–33

*Three times in John we have heard from Jesus that “the hour has not yet come.” Now, following the miracle of raising Lazarus from death, the authorities are fixated on arresting and punishing Jesus. Finally he declares, “The hour has come.”*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “*The hour has come* for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

We proclaim Christ crucified - the wisdom and the power of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*What hour is it?*

Pastor Jan

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 833

O Love, that Will Not Let Me Go

vs. 1, 3, 4



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

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### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given the gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### Statement on Ordination and Installation

#### Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

##### Renunciations

##### Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Let us pray: We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew. By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism, and be thankful. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Constitutional Questions for Officers

Laying on of Hands with prayer

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants, whom you called through baptism as your own, and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living, and rightly govern your people.**

**Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit, to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith, and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.**

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Declaration of Installation

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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*vs. 1 and 4*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the God of peace lead us now from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

May Christ who came to reconcile us to God and each other  
lead us from hate to love, and from war to peace.

May the Spirit of restoration bring peace to fill our hearts,  
peace to fill our world, peace to fill our universe. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to live and love in peace. **Amen**

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, March 21**

### Installation Sunday

9:30 am Online Worship Service

1:00 pm Outdoor Activity at Quarry Hill?

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, March 23

10:00 am Online Bible Study

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

12:00 pm Bulletin Items due

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 24

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, March 26

12:00 pm Conference Call\*

**Sunday, March 28**

### Palm Sunday

9:30 am Online Worship Service



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and  
the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Glenna Muir and her mother

Susie Olson

Sue Chipman

Jane Burgstaler's friend, Sara

*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 /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>

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

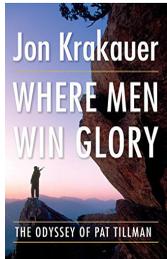
Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

An *intergenerational outdoor activity* is tentatively being planned for this afternoon, March 21, 1:00-2:30 at Quarry Hill. Listen for an announcement this morning as to plans for this afternoon!

*as requested:*  
**Lifegate Services:**  
**1300 10th Ave. NE,**  
**Rochester 55906**



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am (after worship) to discuss *Where Men Win Glory* by Jon Krakauer. Read this interesting book and join in the discussion!

“A stunning account of a remarkable young man's [Pat Tillman's] heroic life and death, from the bestselling author of *Into the Wild*, *Into Thin Air*, and *Under the Banner of Heaven*.”

<https://www.amazon.com/Where-Men-Win-Glory-Odyssey-ebook/dp/B002L6HE3W>

***Palm Sunday Online Worship - March 28, 9:30 am***  
***Maundy Thursday Online Worship - April 1, 7:00 pm***  
***Outdoor Easter Sunday Worship - April 4, 9:30 am***



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BETHSAIDA	SINGLE	SOUL
VOICE	THUNDER	ANGEL
SENTENCE	PRINCE	DEATH

