

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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August 1, 2021

*Welcome to worship
this morning!*

Bulletin Cues:

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congregational
response.

* indicates please
stand, if able



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the people of God were hungry,

**God rained manna upon them,
and they ate until they were full.**

When the people of God are hungry,

**God calls us to taste the goodness of God's gifts,
and to share our bread with one another.**

Let us worship the One who is the Bread of Life,

and watch for a glimpse of the heavenly banquet.



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.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



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.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



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.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



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

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, our Maker; Jesus Christ, our teacher;
Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on us.
Let us in silence remember our faults and failings.

Silence before the prayer of confession.

**You are the Bread of Life, O God,
and you promise that we will never hunger again,
but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things.
You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements.
You offer us peace, but we hunger for control.
You bless us with plenty to share,
but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours.**

**Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness,
teach us to hunger for things that you do:
to hunger for justice, to long for equality,
to work for the common good
until none of your children have to hunger for bread.**

May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.

**We believe that God forgives and sets us free,
and we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls
and to loving one another.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, we are blessed when we seek your righteousness. Make us whole and holy people by your Spirit alive in us. May we receive your word and your world as blessing, in your name, most Beloved. **Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless you, my God, at all times;
your praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in you;
let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Beloved with me;
and let us exalt God's name together.

I sought my Savior, who answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to this One, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by God,
and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Almighty encamps around those who believe,
and delivers those who trust.

O taste and see that God is good;
happy are those who take refuge there.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. . . . The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Leadeth Me

Peggy Pillers, piano

by William B. Bradbury, Arranged by Lorie Line

GOSPEL READING

John 6:22-35

Last week, we witnessed the side by side signs of Jesus: how he fed 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish, and gathered the fragments so that none should be lost, and how he walked on the rough sea and brought the disciples boat safely to land.

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said

to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Delicious Mystery

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 523 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart vs. 1, 4 and 5

Refrain

You sat-is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat. *Fine*

1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joyce.
 whom all the world can-not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

to Refrain

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

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

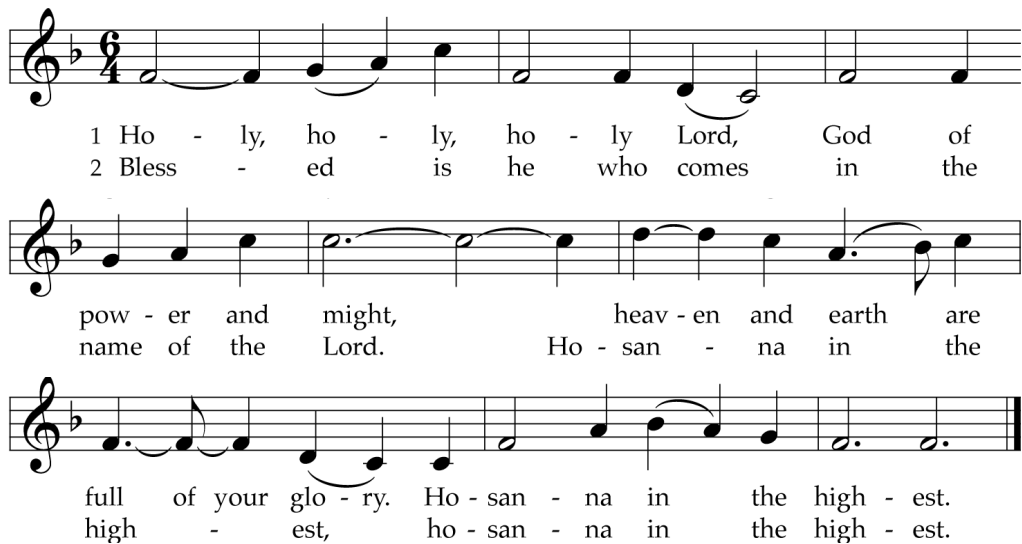
We lift them up in love.

Give thanks to the Beloved, who is Spirit and truth.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We do thank and praise you, our Creator, our Savior, and our Friend,...and sing your grace and glory with all creatures of earth and sea and sky, and all the company of heaven:

SANCTUS GTG 552



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

One day when Jesus was near Capernaum, Jesus said to the people who had followed him across the sea, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which I will give you."

Jesus himself is the food that endures for eternal life; the bread of God that comes down

from heaven and gives life to the world, to us. And in this cup, a fountain of living water so that we may never be thirsty.

In this meal, Jesus hosts us at his table once again, the bread of life, the living water.

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

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.*

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 520 Taste and See (refrain only; repeat several times)

Refrain

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a tempo marking of 'All'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some chords. The lyrics are: 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' The piece ends with a 'Fine' marking.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you. **Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

all verses



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Refrain
Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness;

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction;

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love;

Look at the cross; see God's Son and our Savior.

This is God's world,

And we will serve God in it.

Jesus said, "I am with you always."

May God the Creator bless you,

May God the Son walk with you,

May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

Amen

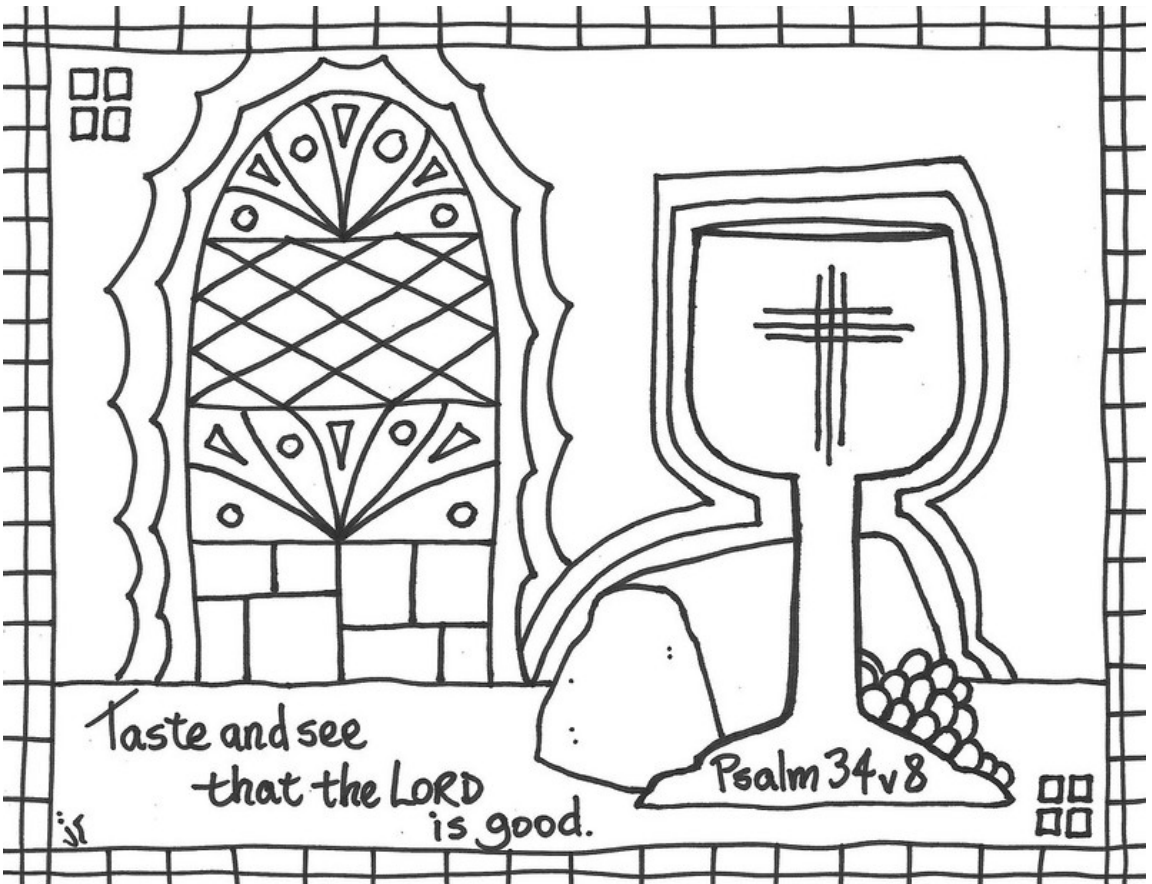
*POSTLUDE

Reflection Questions

1. What does the Lord's Supper mean to you (not what you think it's supposed to mean)?

2. During the pandemic, not being able to have communion together in our worship space, how have you experienced communion differently?

3. Reflect on your sharing of Holy Communion during the pandemic. Can you point to one time that was particularly meaningful? Why was that the case?



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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, August 1

9:30 am Worship with Communion
(Online and Onsite)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday-Friday

8:00 am Rental: Med City Driving

Tuesday, August 3

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Wednesday, August 4

6:30 am Prayer Group

5:30 pm Youth Pizza and Planning Event

Sunday, August 8

9:30 am Worship (Online and Onsite)



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Audrey Crawshaw
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

*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's Conference Call

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>
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Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Sherrie Wilson
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IT Support	Louis Bouchard