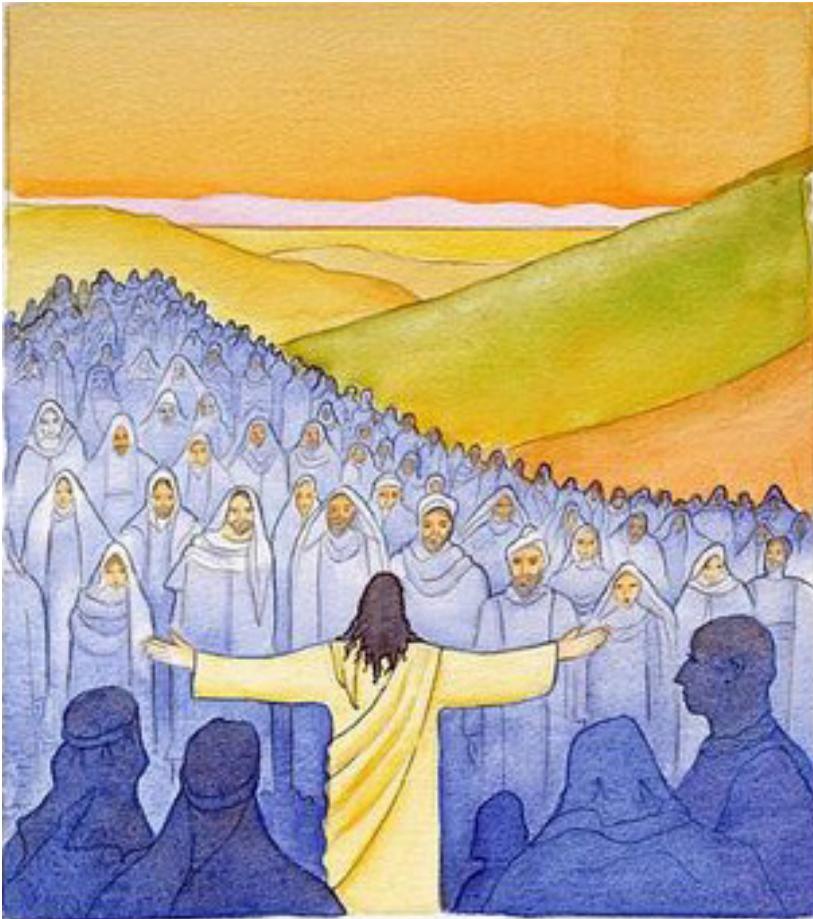


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July 18, 2021

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

** indicates please stand, if able*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are to worship:

We bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want.

God is our redeemer, and we shall be free.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

vs. 1 and 4

1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.

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.

**We love you, O Beloved, with our prayers and our songs.
Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions.
Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow,
when our love for our neighbors is empty,
and when our love for ourselves is hard to find.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short,
and by your forgiveness, free us to try again.**

Forgive us, Holy One, and offer us a chance to try again.
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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:13–22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Ann Siverling

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 824 There Is a Place of Quiet Res

vs. 1 and 3



1 There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
3 There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,



a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain



O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,



hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

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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 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

vs. 1-3

*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.

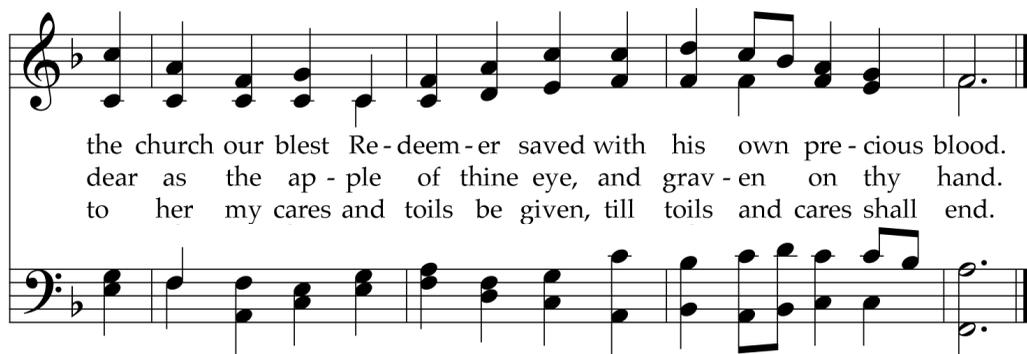
Amen

*POSTLUDE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

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Pastor Jan will be on vacation July 15-22. If an emergency arises, please call the church. Stephanie will forward the message to Rev. Ann Siverling who has offered to do pastoral care as needed. Stephanie will be in the church office on Wednesday, July 21.



Thursday, July 22 - Gage East Summer Party, indoors, watch for further info!

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, July 18

9:30 am Worship (Online and Outdoor)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Stephanie is out of the office most of this week. (She'll be in the office on Wednesday).

Monday-Friday: Med City Driving 8 am-4 pm

Tuesday, July 20

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Wednesday, July 21

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, July 25

9:30 am Worship (Online and Onsite)



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Audrey Crawshaw

*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

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>

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

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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

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IT Support	Louis Bouchard