

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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July 25, 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, you who hunger for food.

Worship the Lord who turns wants into plenty.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

Worship the Lord who turns weeping into laughter.

Come, you who hunger for life.

Worship the Lord who is our hope and our strength.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending vs. 1 and 2



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.

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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.

O Christ, when the crowds surrounded you,
you took an offering—five loaves, two fish—
and made for them a feast.

Still we doubt the abundance of your grace.

Still we are hesitant to share the gifts we have.

Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all.

**Forgive us and make us more generous people.
Enlighten us to see the miracles around us,
For your grace turns want into plenty.**

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

2 Kings 2:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:10-18

All your works shall give thanks to you, Beloved,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**We shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power.**

Let your people make known your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is everlasting,
enduring throughout all generations.**

You are faithful in all your words,
and gracious in all your deeds.

**You uphold all who are falling,
and raise up all who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand,
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

You are just in all your ways, and kind in all your doings.

You are near to all who call on you in truth.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”
arranged by Daniel Kelley

Peter Marshall, cello

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hope in the Midst of Doubt

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 312 Take Us As We Are, O God

all verses



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

vs. 1 and 2

*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,

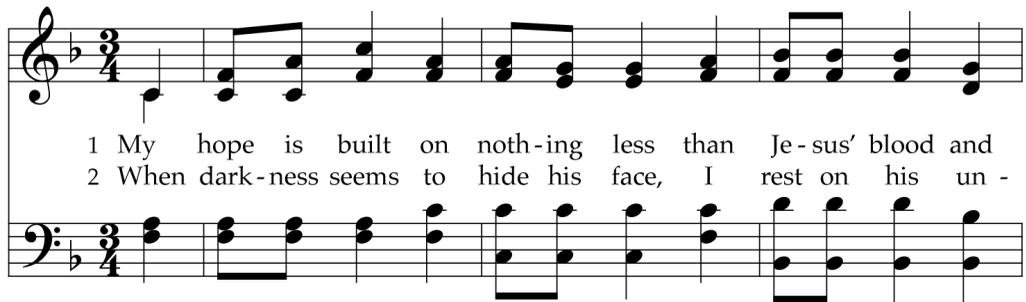
May God the Son walk with you,

May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

Amen

*POSTLUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

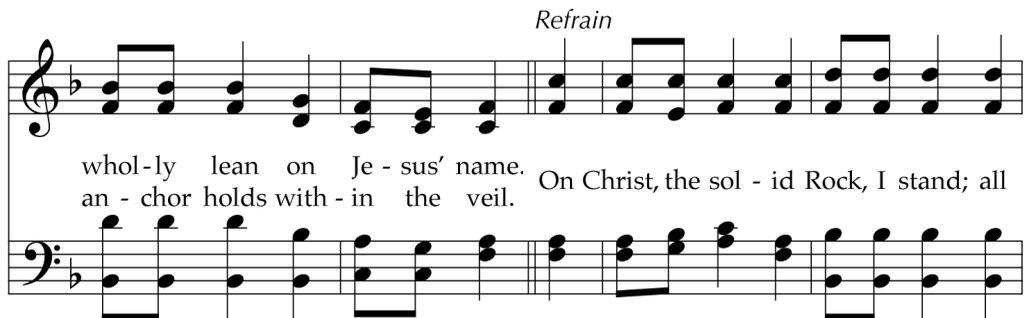


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
an - chor holds with - in the veil.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, July 25

9:30 am Worship (Online and Onsite)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, July 27

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 28

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, August 1

9:30 am Worship with Communion
(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
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email office@cpcrochester.org.
For emergency pastoral care,
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

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

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#

Serving in Worship Today

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