

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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**July 4, 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

Why do we come to worship God?

**We come seeking a blessing from the Beloved.**

What is this blessing that we seek?

**We seek an encounter with the living God.**

Our Maker washes us in mercy, calls us to service,  
and fills us with love.

**Let us worship God together.**

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures  
 of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal  
 which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more  
 sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-  
 where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

## 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 love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning.  
Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world:

**when we choose selfishness over compassion;  
what feels comfortable rather than what is right;  
when we strive for success instead of faithfulness;  
when we value *independence* rather than *interdependence*.  
Forgive us and free us to try again.  
We wait on your love to lead the way.**

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**

RESPONSIVE READING    123                      adapted from Nan Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*  
To You I lift up my spirit:

**You, who are enthroned in every heart!**  
As the child clings to the hand of its parents,  
as those beset by illness look to their comforter,  
**So our spirits seek the Heart of Love,  
so that we may find mercy and forgiveness.**

Have mercy on us, Compassionate One, have mercy,  
**so that we may turn from our blind and ignorant ways.**  
Too long our souls have been veiled by fear and illusion.  
**Have mercy, and lead us to the path of wholeness,  
so that we may know the abiding Peace of the Beloved.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Mark Neville, Judy Kereakos

traditional American folk tune; words by Julia Ward Howe; arranged by Mark Hayes

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus left the place where he had healed a hemorrhaging woman and raised a little girl from her deathbed, and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony

against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Sent in Poverty, Sent in Power*

Pastor Jan

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 69

Here I Am

vs. 1-2



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple’s pain.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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 594

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

*refrain only, sung twice*

*Refrain/*



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly is our God,



God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho-ly, ho - ly is our God.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly is our God.



God, the Lord of all of his - tory. Ho-ly, ho - ly is our God.

## 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

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 463                      How Firm a Foundation                      *vs. 1-2*

#### \*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

# How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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## TODAY AT CPC

### Sunday, July 4

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

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, July 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:00 pm Brain Injury Support Group

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, July 7

6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, July 8

7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg

### Sunday, July 11

9:30 am Worship (Online and Onsite)



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny  
Connie Holst  
MariLynn Johnson  
Sue Chipman's daughter,  
Katie Hendrickson  
Stephanie Pasch

*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.*

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

Liturgist	Sherrie Wilson
Pianist	Judy Kereakos
Special Music	Mark Neville
IT Support	Louis Bouchard



*Our time of providing some meals for the Cain family has come to a conclusion. It has been a joy to help support the family in this way! Thanks goes to:*

*Ron Murray  
 Pastor Jan Wiersma  
 Sherrie Wilson  
 Sue Chipman  
 Judy Robb  
 Margie Petersen*

*Mark Neville  
 Jeanette Hallbeck  
 Bruce Felger  
 Ivy Pillers  
 Judy Kereakos  
 Jennifer Hall*

*Special thanks goes to Ron Murray for transporting many of the meals to the Cain home. Special thanks also goes to Margie Petersen for the coordination!*



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