

Community Presbyterian Church

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August 29, 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

We gather to worship in the presence of God,
as if we stood on God's holy hill.

We gather to worship as children of God,
as if we were standing in the waters of grace.

We gather to worship the living God,
for God is here among us.



1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
 2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.

1 Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:
 2 Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,



Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
 I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:

to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.
 kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.



Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!

Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.

This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.

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 tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence:
those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart.
And yet, so often we stumble on the path of faith.
The truth makes us nervous,
and we pretend not to know what is right.
Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace,
challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness,
free us 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

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 15 *Adapted from Nan Merrill, Psalms for Praying*

Beloved, you invite us to rest in the quiet of your heart,
where our weaknesses are forgiven and our love renewed.

Who will respond with open hearts to your invitation?

Those who walk with integrity, in harmony with your Word,
Whose tongues speak truth, not judging but seeking only the good,

Whose eyes behold not the outer garment, but the inner robe of Love;

Whose own weaknesses are acknowledged
And brought to light in prayer;

Who are just in all affairs and take no advantage of another.

Those who dwell in the heart of Love will act justly,
And will join the dance of life, singing songs of joy.

Family, friends, the whole world will be blessed by them.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

After our sojourn with the Bread of Life in John, we return to Mark's version of Jesus' life and ministry. As his works of mercy and healing attract larger crowds, religious authorities fear losing the loyalty of the common people. They find fault with him and his disciples' practices. As usual, their quarrelsome nitpicking backfires!

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sanitized or Sanctified?

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

vs. 1-3

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.

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 450

Be Thou My Vision

vs. 1 and 2



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.

*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

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, August 29

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, August 31

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Wednesday, September 1

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

Judy Berg, long time and now former member of CPC, has been diagnosed with throat cancer and will soon begin chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Denise Swinbank is forming a care team for Judy and her husband George to help them over the next few months. If you are interested in being part of the care team, please contact Denise Swinbank, denise.swinbank@gmail.com. Right now, prayers, meals and rides are the primary needs.

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#



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Kevin and Susan Olson

Judy Berg

Sue Chipman's friends, France and Bong

***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

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Sue Chipman
Guest Pianist	Carol Engel
Special Music	
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

A Message from Session

Session has determined that at present we will continue hybrid worship as it has been, with the caution that this may change quickly if there is a further surge in pandemic levels locally.

We are grateful for people's continued compliance with all precautions, including masking, distancing, and good hand hygiene. We will still forego refreshments but do encourage conversation before and after worship, as our relationships are precious and sustain us through these days.

We recommend that you keep conversations brief, however, and maintain masks and distance as you talk, moving into the narthex or away from other groups, or outside, weather permitting. We have remained relatively healthy so far and hope to keep it that way! Thank you all for caring for one another in this way.



PDA Response to Earthquake in Haiti

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has had long-standing partnerships in Haiti for decades. These meaningful relationships enable us to come alongside communities affected by disaster in the immediate aftermath, as well as support communities planning multi-year, long-term recovery projects.

Most recently, PDA is responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 that has resulted in the loss of more than 1,200 lives. Working closely with Presbyterian World Mission, our traditional partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA is responding to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. We remain committed to the long-term recovery.

To support this response, designate gifts to OG100000-Haiti

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