

# Community Presbyterian Church

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*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

O praise the Giver of all good;

**let us exalt God's name together.**

We sought life, and God answered us,

**and delivered us from all our fears.**

O taste and see that God is good!

**Happy are those who take refuge there.**

## \*OPENING HYMN GTG 401

*Gather Us In*

vs. 1 and 3



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion; give us to eat the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

## CONFESSİON 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.*

Hear our prayer, God of grace.  
You have called us to wear truth as a garment,  
but we are prone to deceit and would rather wear a mask.  
You have called us to struggle against evil in the world,  
but instead we struggle for success and for power.  
Hear our prayer, God of grace.  
Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.  
Wash us in your mercy, so we may walk in your ways.

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 34:9-14

Fear God, you chosen ones,  
for those who fear the Beloved have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek God lack no good thing.

Come, children, listen to me;  
I will teach you to know the Provider.

**Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit

**Depart from evil, and do good,  
seek peace, and pursue it**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Danny Boy*

traditional folk song, arr. Christian Morris

Michael Meyer &amp; Linnea Jungers, clarinets

## GOSPEL READING

John 6:35, 41–51

*Still working from the sign of feeding a crowd of 5000, Jesus goes farther in offering himself as the bread of life. Those who hear continue to misunderstand his true origin and purpose.*

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.” Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

vs. 1, 2, 4



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our-selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

## 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 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - obey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

## \*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



**Gage East Back to School Event  
Thursday, August 19, 11 am - 2 pm**

We are invited to help by helping them distribute these items, and also by donating:

College-ruled notebooks (single subject)  
Regular-ruled notebooks  
2-pocket folders  
Colored pencils  
Black pens  
Box of tissues  
Large pink erasers  
Washable markers  
Glue sticks  
24 count crayons



**Lifegate Services  
Saturday, August 21**

Another option for building connections could happen on Saturday, August 21. Lifegate Services (near Jefferson School) is offering a free health fair, including mammograms. Volunteers would be useful in driving people from Gage East who wish to participate to and from the church.

**Please let Pastor Jan or Mark Neville know if you can help with the Back to School Event or the Healthfair!**

***Check out the information about a woman looking for a donor kidney on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you or if you know anyone who may be willing/interested in helping please take the phone number on that poster.***

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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, August 8**

9:30 am Worship (Online and Onsite)

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday-Friday

8:00 am Rental: Med City Driving

Tuesday, August 10

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, August 11

6:30 am Prayer Group

**Sunday, August 15**

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](mailto: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	Dave Copeland
Greeter	Mary Alice Richardson
Special Music	Michael Meyer, Linnea Jungers
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

## 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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