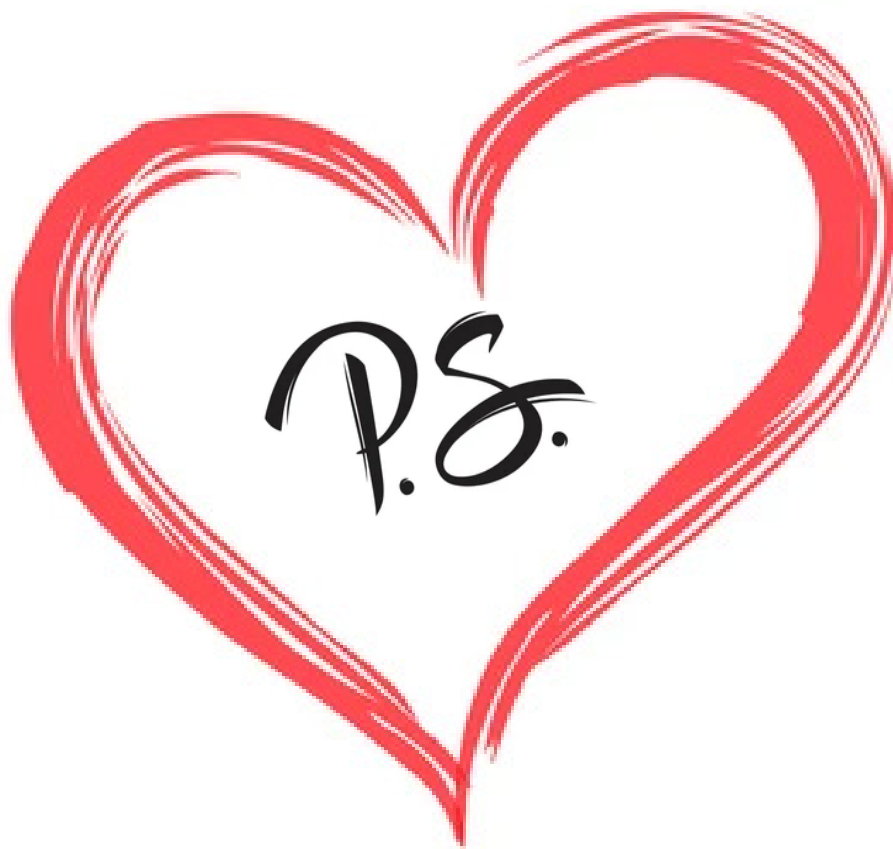


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October 10, 2021

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

Our help is in the name of the Beloved,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Our hope is in the name of the Beloved,
the healer of all that is wounded.

Our trust is in the name of the Beloved,
the one we gather to worship and praise.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

vs. 1 and 2



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.

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 our rock,
yet we place our faith in sinking sand.
You are our redeemer,
yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.
You are our fount of forgiveness,
and yet we try to justify our own mistakes.
Shine the light of your love on our folly.
Forgive us and free us to trust in you.**

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**

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:1-12

After our weeks of studying the love and lessons of parents and children in Mark's gospel, and the call to universal care for the vulnerable, Mark stuns us with this parable.

Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other,

a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

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

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 90:12-17

God, our help in times of doubt, teach us to count our days
So that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Turn, O Lord! How long must we wait to see good?
Have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Nobody Know The Trouble I've Seen* arr. by Raymond Wise
performed by the Chamber Singers from Cincinnati, OH

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:2-7

Handel immortalized these words in song. How can we hear them afresh in the light of the Christian message to our world today?

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have

increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

SERMON

Postscript from a loving parent

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 619 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven vs. 1 and 3



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our



car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,



who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kindom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 545

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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*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, October 10

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, October 12

10:00 am PW Bible Study

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, October 13

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, October 17

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

1:00 pm Session Retreat



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Judi Berg

Sue Chipman

Kathy Remtema

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Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Carol Jones
Special Music	Chamber Singers
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

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* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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