

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



January 30, 2022

*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

Holy Mystery, Loving One, God beyond our imagining,

**you create us; you include us; you love us.**

Christ, living body of the love of God,

**you heal us; you unite us; you give us to one another.**

Holy Spirit, breath that breathes in us all, and makes us one,

**you break every division among us; you bring us home to each other.**

**We thank you. We worship you. We open our hearts to you.**


#### OPENING HYMN GTG 623

#### I've Got Peace Like a River

*all verses*



1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a  
3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an



riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my  
o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my



soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.  
soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.  
soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

## REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

God's love, like a shower of rain in drought,  
awakens the sleeping seed within the soul  
and lures it to blossom.

**God's love, like a hot shower after a long day's work,  
cleanses us, reawakens us,  
inviting us to rest and then begin anew.**

God's love, like waves crashing on the shore,  
breaks in on us and enfolds us,  
leaving us vital and refreshed.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love, Jesus' hearers did not always want to hear of your infinite love. Quiet our doubts and open our hearts to hear your love, to receive your love, to trust that we and all people are your Beloved. God of love, your beloved children are listening. Speak to us.  
**Amen**

### RESPONSIVE READING      Psalm 71

In you, O Beloved, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,  
**for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**For you are my hope and my trust from my youth.**

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

**My praise is continually of you.**

### SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13      *paraphrased by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

If I speak in learned or mystic languages but do not speak in love,  
it is all just clatter and chatter.

If I know everything and understand life completely  
And have miracle-producing faith  
but do not act in love, it's all for nothing.

If I give away everything I own and die a heroic martyr's death  
but do it without love, I have just wasted my time.

Love is kind. Love has time for the other.

Love is generous, humble and gentle.

Love does not keep score of faults, but rejoices in what is good and true.

Love bears willingly, trusts deeply,  
hopes boldly, endures patiently.

Love does not die.

Beliefs will end; languages will fade; knowledge will exhaust itself.

We know only partly; we believe only partly.

But there comes a time of wholeness,  
when we let go of the part for the whole.

When I was a child, I spoke and thought like a child.

Becoming an adult, I abandoned those ways.

Now, we see as if through foggy glass;  
but in time we will see clearly, face to face.

Now I know only partially; in time I will know fully—  
and know that even now I am fully known.

So we have these three great gifts: faith, hope and love.

And the greatest is love.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Simple Gifts*

Minnesota's Cantus group

Shaker hymn, arranged by Stephen Caracciolo

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

*Last week, people who had known Jesus from infancy were amazed to hear him proclaim the fulfillment of God's promises made centuries before. In an instant, their awe turns to rage. Why?*

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might

hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*A Gift Too Generous*

Pastor Jan

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

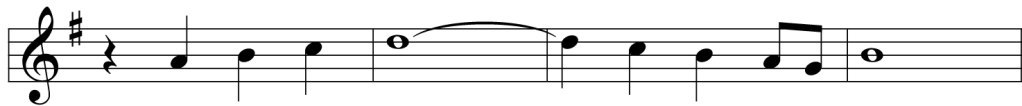
\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 693 *Though I May Speak-The Gift of Love* all verses



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
but not be given by love with - in,  
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

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 649

Amazing Grace

*vs. 1, 2 and 4*



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

You are being sent:

To catch people with Good News.

To lure them with Love.

You are blessed. You are loved.

Your roots are firmly planted in the Water of Life,  
in the stream that never runs dry.

Shower the world with Love -

and watch as the Beloved Garden blossoms.

Go in peace, and walk wet, always.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

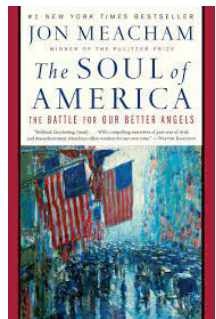
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*Parts of this service are adapted from Epiphany resources by Rev. Emily Meyer, Executive Director, The Ministry Lab, St Paul, MN [UCC, UMC, & PC(USA)]*

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The Book Discussion Group will meet today, after worship, to discuss *The Soul of America* by John Meacham.

According to Amazon: “Our current climate of partisan fury is not new, and in *The Soul of America* Meacham shows us how what Abraham Lincoln called the “better angels of our nature” have repeatedly won the day. Painting surprising portraits of Lincoln and other presidents, including Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and Lyndon B. Johnson, and illuminating the courage of such influential citizen activists as Martin Luther King, Jr., early suffragettes Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt, civil rights pioneers Rosa Parks and John Lewis, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and Army-McCarthy hearings lawyer Joseph N. Welch, Meacham brings vividly to life turning points in American history.”





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## TODAY AT CPC

### Sunday, January 30

- 9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)  
10:30 am Book Discussion Group

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

### Tuesday, February 1

- 12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due  
12:00 pm Conference Call \*  
6:30 pm Christian Education Committee

### Wednesday, February 2

- 6:30 am Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 6

- 9:30 am Worship with Communion  
(Onsite and Online)  
10:30 am Deacons



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny  
Connie Holst  
MariLynn Johnson  
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa  
Mark Pillers' parents, Lars and June  
Sue Chipman

*To be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 507-280-9291 or via email [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).*

*For emergency pastoral care, call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

**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#

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	Sherrie Wilson
IT Support	Louis Bouchard