

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



**February 13,
2022**

Welcome to
worship this
morning!
Bulletin Cues:
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congregational
response,
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able.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

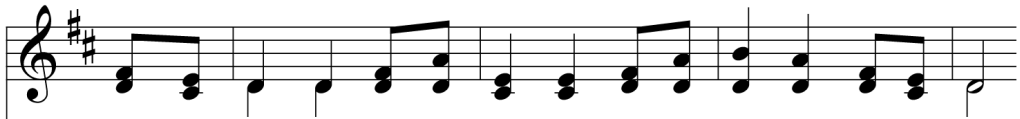
Time passes, seasons change,
but God remains steadfast and sure,
a deeply rooted tree, planted by water,
with leaves for the healing of the nations
and the soothing of our souls.

**The waters of grace refresh our lives
and bring forth a new creation.**

Let us praise the Beloved!



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a -bove;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un -chang - ing love!
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a -bove.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we turn to you, so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children, with Jesus our brother, the Christ of all creation. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is

perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 1 *adapted from Nan Merrill, Psalms for Praying*

Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness,
Who stand beside virtue and sit in the seat of truth;
**for their delight is in the Spirit of Love,
and in Love's heart they dwell by day and by night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and flourish always;
in all that they do, they give life.

The unloving are not so,
They are like chaff blown away on the wind.
Cut off from wisdom, they know suffering and pain.

Love knows the way of truth
but the way of ignorance will perish.
**God's light breaks through hearts filled with illusion;
forgiveness is the way of God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Steal Away
an African American spiritual

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6.17-26

So much has happened since the miraculous catch of fish, when Jesus started calling his disciples. He has infuriated the authorities by healing on the Sabbath and eating with "sinners." Now, of his many followers, he has chosen twelve to be "apostles," or "ones who are sent."

After a night of prayer on the mountain, Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.” Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Plain Talk for Plain Folk

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 770 I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table vs. 1, 3, 4

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.



I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Heart of heavenly Love, hallowed be your name.
 your harmony 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 peace, the potential, and the praise are yours, now and forever. Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least *vs. 1 and 2*

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -

joyce. When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,
 When the earth is giv - en to the meek,

Refrain

we will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
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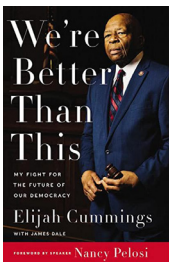


***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

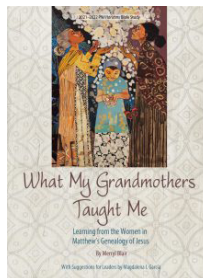
You are being sent:
 To catch people with Good News.
 To lure them with Love.
 You are blessed. You are loved.
 Your roots are firmly planted in the Water of Life,
 in the stream that never runs dry.
 Shower the world with Love -
 and watch as the Beloved Garden blossoms.

Go in peace, and walk wet, always. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



The Book Discussion Group will meet in Sunday, February 27 at 10:30 am to discuss *We're Better Than This* by Elijah Cummings. All are welcome to join in this discussion!



PW will resume its Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*, on Tuesday, February 22 at 10:00 am. The study will continue March 8, March 22 and conclude on April 5. Participants can meet onsite or online, whatever way is most comfortable!

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, February 13

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, February 15

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, February 16

6:30 am Prayer Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 20

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)



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

Bonnie Kinion

To be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 507-280-9291 or via 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

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* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Frank Jones
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard