



February 20, 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

God, you who are love, you create us in love.

We are the body of your love.

Christ, love made flesh, you come to us in grace and healing.

We are your Beloved, blessed and embraced.

Holy Spirit, energy of love, your fire alone in us is our life.

We are bearers of your love to this world.

**Fill us with your love, fill us to overflowing,
for the sake of the world you love. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

vs. 1 and 3



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing,
Lean-ing on Je-sus,



lean-ing,
lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-secure from all a-larms; lean-ing on



ing, lean-ing,
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love, you who created us in love, and for love, fill us with your love. Fill us to overflowing with love even for those we oppose or dislike. Fill us with the self-giving love of Christ. Give us hearts of peace, not war. God of love, fill us with your love. **Amen.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 37

Do not fret because of people who behave wickedly; do not envy those who do wrong

They will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herbs.

Trust in the One who is Good, and do good yourself;

then you will live in the land and enjoy security.

Take delight in the One who delights in you, who will give you your heart's desires.

Commit your way to the One who is trustworthy, who will act on your behalf.

Be still before the Beloved, and wait patiently;

do not fret over those who prosper by using evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

Those who wait for the Gracious One shall inherit the land.

The steadfast One is a refuge in the time of trouble, the salvation of the righteous.

The Savior helps them and rescues them, because they take refuge there.

RESPONSIVE GOSPEL PRAYER Luke 6.27-38

Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" continues with his instructions for living and loving in a competitive, contrary world. Here his words are reshaped into shared prayer by Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

I say to you that listen, Love your enemies,

God of grace, give us compassion for those who are hard to love.

Do good to those who hate you, bless those
who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

We pray for those who oppose or mistreat us, for they are deeply wounded.

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;

Give us grace and courage to be nonviolent.

From anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

Give us your spirit of generosity.

Give to everyone who begs from you;
and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

Give us your spirit of forgiveness.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Help us see others as extensions of ourselves—and love them.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

We desire only to be loving, not to be right, to be secure, to be victorious.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Give us your spirit of mercy.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged;

do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together,

running over, will be put into your lap;

for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

May we love as you have loved us.

We pray in the name and the spirit and the company of Christ. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grovel, Grovel

Donny Osmond

from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

SERMON

Golden

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 795 Healer of Our Every Ill

vs. 1 and 3

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

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 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

vs. 1, 2, and 4

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

*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 -

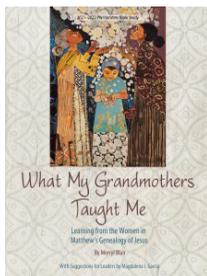
and watch as the Beloved Garden blossoms.

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

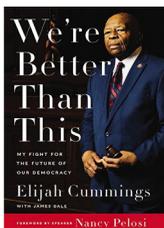
POSTLUDE



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!



Following Bible study, at 11 am, the film *Not for Sale* will be streamed. It documents housing discrimination in the Twin Cities in the 1950s and 1960s. All are welcome to attend. As the film is two hours long, those who view it may wish to bring a snack or bag lunch. We will maintain covid precautions.



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



Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd. There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 pm that evening. During Lent, daily devotions will be available "to expand and deepen your spiritual walk through Lent." One way to receive them is through daily texts. As we ran into a small glitch in the set up of our daily texts, please wait to sign up for the daily texts until next week. Stephanie will email directions next week. There will also be a tutorial on signing up on Sunday, February 27 after worship.

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, February 20

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, February 22

10:00 am PW Bible Study

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 23

6:30 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 24

6:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 27

Installation and Ordination Sunday

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

10:30 am Book Discussion Group

Following worship on the 27th, there will be a brief tutorial on getting the daily devotions on your cellphone.

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

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.

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Serving in Worship Today

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