

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

March 13, 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

If God is a hen,

we are under God's wing.

If God is a table,

we each have a seat.

If God is a house,

we are safe from the storm.

If God is a party,

we're invited to dance.

If God is a song,

our names are the lyrics.

If this is God's house,

then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.

Let us worship Holy god.



OPENING HYMN GTG 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

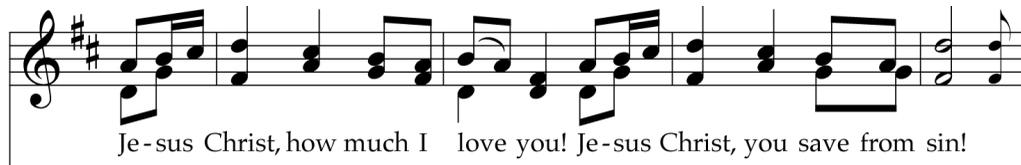
This text was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry.



1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.



Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:



Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of faith, we come to confession not to wallow in our guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest. So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen.

Let us confess our sins together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,

“I will keep on.”

I will keep on healing.

I will keep on teaching.

I will keep on preaching.

I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.

I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.

I will keep on believing that this world can change.

I will keep on

**and keep on
and keep on until God's promised day.
Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop.
Amen**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, because Jesus' love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and grace exists for us. So rest in this good news: No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under God's wing. We are loved, held, and forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that!

Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, this life of ours is full to the brim with worrisome news. We wake up feeling anxious, we go to sleep wondering about tomorrow, and we know—there has to be more than this. So we pray: bend down and show us the way. Point us toward awe and wonder. Guide us to intimacy and trust. Gift us with humor and hope. We are listening for your cues. Gratefully we pray. **Amen**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - A modern paraphrase of Psalm 27

**The Lord is my light.
The Lord surrounds me
like a warm, familiar quilt,
in layers of grace.
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the sturdy foundation
and the roof over my head.
I am not afraid.
When the world is at its worst—
when grief clings to my bones,
when fear eats at my confidence,
when loneliness moves into my house—
God sets the table,
turns on the lights,
and invites me to dance.**

**So even though there are days
that feel like too much to bear,
I know—I am not alone.**

**So I ask the Lord,
I seek and I pray—
let me live in your house
all of my days. Amen.**

LENTEN INTENTION

Sue Chipman

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

SPECIAL MUSIC Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen Diahann Carroll
Loius Armstrong, trumpet

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31-35

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching of the coming of the realm of God as he made his way to Jerusalem (13:22). Along the way, he aroused the wrath of religious leaders by healing on the sabbath, and by the news God's favor was extended to outsiders in ways that might give insiders an unwelcome surprise.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Wing and a Prayer

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

vs. 1 and 2



1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

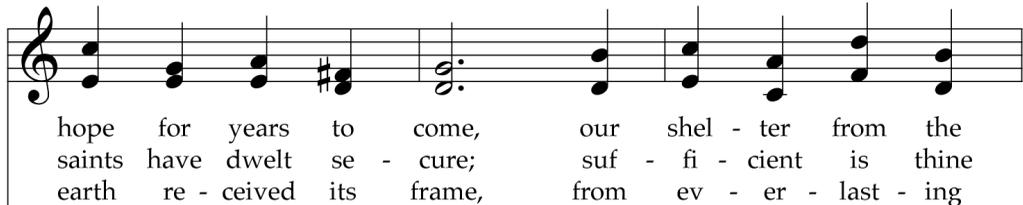
*CLOSING HYMN GTG 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

vs. 1-3, 6



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May you be dazzled by the beauty of this world.

May your laughter be contagious.

May your love overflow to those around you.

May your hope and joy spread like honey,

and may all your being fill to the brim with God's Holy Spirit.

May it change your life.

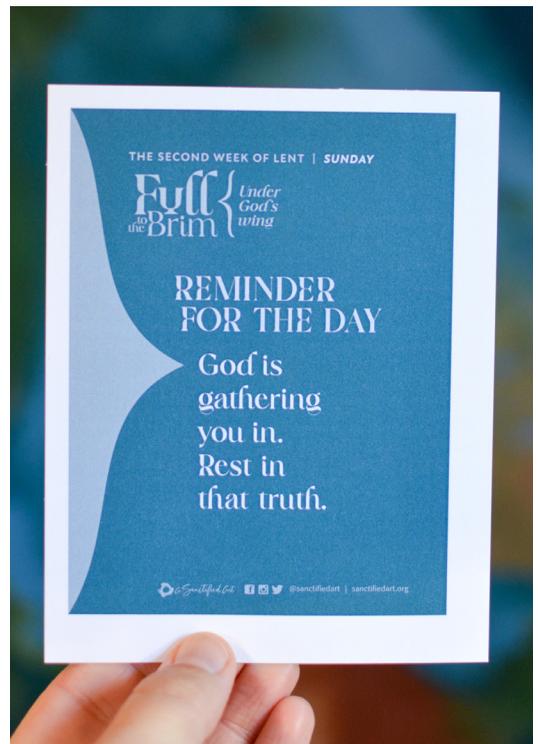
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—

go in peace to love as you are loved. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



Gage East St. Patrick's Day: Next Tuesday, March 15 at 9:30, those interested in helping with the Gage East St. Patrick's Day party will gather in the library to pre-cut crafts and make prizes. If you are making treats at home, please bring them to church Tuesday morning, March 15th. The party will be March 17, 4:30-5:30. Three or four volunteers would be appreciated. If you are unable to help this time, an Easter celebration is already in the works.



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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, March 13

9:30 am **Worship (Onsite and Online)**

10:45 am Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, March 15

9:30 am Gage East St. Patricks Day Prep

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, March 16

6:30 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

7:15 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 20

8:30 am Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

9:30 am **Worship (Onsite and Online)**

12:00 am Newsletter Items Due



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Bonnie Kinion

Judy Leal's mother, Katie

Margie Petersen

Margaret Nelson

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

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Special Music	video
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

Online Worship: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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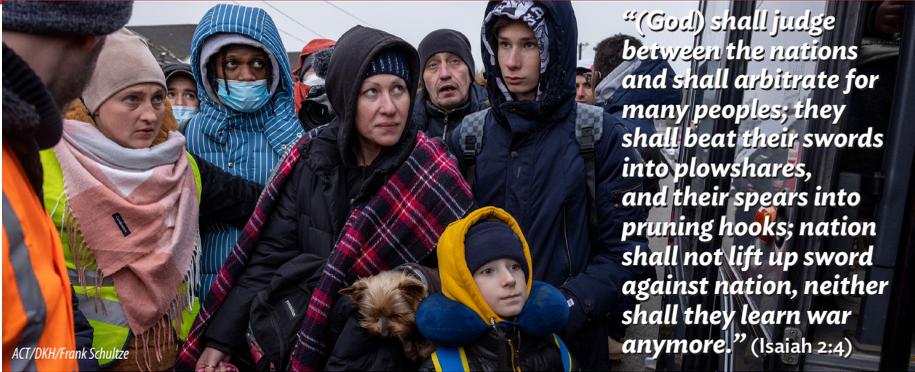
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* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156 . You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/UK22, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

ACT: Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY: *May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.*

May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.

May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.

And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.