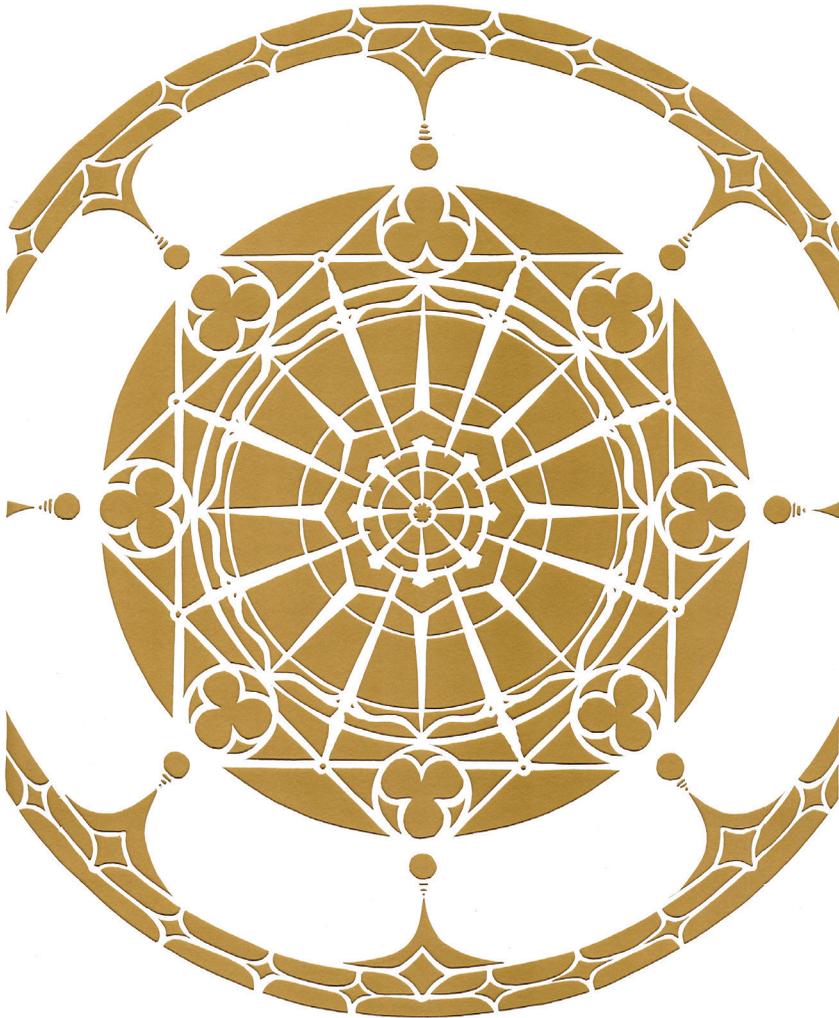


Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



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March 6, 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

Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

Jesus went into the city to heal.

Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love.

Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.

Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

There is nowhere we can go
that God does not walk with us.

We are in God's house.

Let us worship Holy God.

OPENING HYMN GTG 43

On Eagle's Wings

vs. 1 and 4



1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -



bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

and hold you in the palm of his hand. *Fine*

Leader or All
4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

to Refrain
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, we worship a God who doesn't keep score and doesn't hold grudges. We worship a God who invites us into a richer faith, a deeper love, a more compassionate existence with a million chances to try again. So let us ask for God's help where we need it. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about wealth—

Teach us a new way.

Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control—

Teach us a new way.

Teach us to live as you live.

Teach us to love as you love.

Forgive us when we don't.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ,

no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander,

no matter how lost we feel, God's grace overflows in desert places.

It finds us where we are and covers us in mercy.

Hear and believe this good news—

God's love is full to the brim.

We are drenched in mercy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the wilderness places in our lives, it can be hard to hear you in the desert. It can be hard to hear you in the city, too, in the midst of traffic, and calendar reminders and appointments, so we ask: make everything quiet. Give us ears to hear your Word for us today. Gratefully we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:5-10

"A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me."

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan [where he had just been baptized] and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

Children of God, the Eternal One is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Limitless God, you know us better than we know ourselves....

Therefore we come to this table, knowing we will be filled:

SANCTUS GTG 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - does you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.

Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 501

Feed Us, Lord

vs. 1, 2, 4



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. You have raised up a miracle among us, a gift of nourishment and beauty, a gift of forgiveness and your deep trust in us. Encouraged not by our worthiness but by your grace in us, we follow you, in the power of your Spirit, in ministry to the world. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 694

Great God of Every Blessing

vs. 1 and 3



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

*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

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, March 6

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

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, March 7

Office Closed

Tuesday, March 8

10:00 am PW Bible Study
12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due
12:00 pm Conference Call *
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, March 9

6:30 am Prayer Group
6:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 13

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
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
<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#

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	
Special Music	
IT Support	Louis Bouchard



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our friends at Gage East!

We have three opportunities to be involved:

1. Make St. Patty's Day themed snacks at home. Recipes and ingredients will be supplied.
2. Get together at church to pre-cut crafts for kids 5-15, and make prizes for a St. Patty's Day treasure hunt. As many as can attend will be welcome! Gage East staff Bel Pool will provide supplies and come in person to help. Time and date tbd.
3. Volunteer at the party, Thursday, March 17, 4:30-5:30.

Pick a way to receive messages for Daily Texts:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:
rmd.at/ga2hfb
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @ga2hfb to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @ga2hfb to (608) 467-4108.

Note: you'll be asked if you are a student (s) or a parent (p). Choose either one. The application was designed for schools, but will work for our purposes.

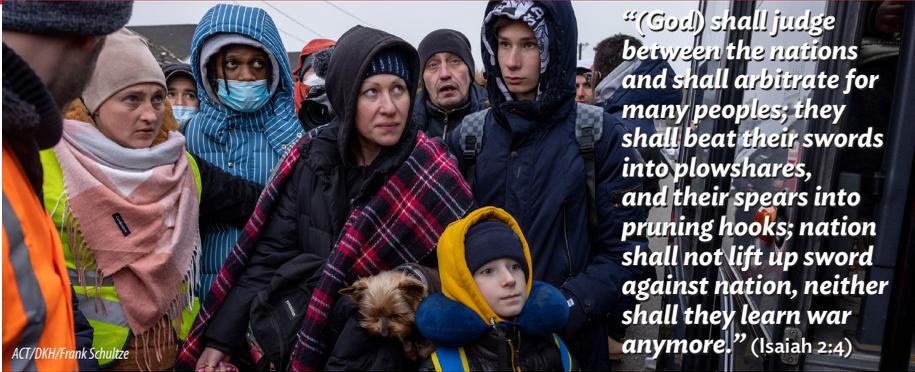
* Standard text message rates apply.



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. Please see the information below about signing up for texts/notifications.

We also have different daily messages on Facebook. Check it out!

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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Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

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.