

Community Presbyterian Church  
open hearted, open minded



**April 10, 2022**

Welcome to worship this morning!

*Please pick up a palm branch before settling for worship.*

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead of the crowds listening to him, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to sing.**

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

**It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.**

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

**It is holy to remember.**

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to pray.**

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;

*to Refrain*  
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The word ‘hosanna’ is often sung with joy on this day. It feels like a celebration. But the word ‘hosanna’ actually means, “save us.” The people were crying out to Jesus for help, because they knew—this world is not as it should be. There is still too much hurt here. They were crying, “Save us!”

Today, we have our own hosanna moment, because we cry out to God, admitting the ways in which we have fallen short, and we ask for God’s saving hand. So friends, let us pray together, for there is still too much hurt here.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of street parades and hosannas,

**we know that you desire us to speak out against oppression,**  
to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

**but so often we are silent.**

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,

**so we don't say anything at all.**

We worry that we'll offend,

**so we keep our convictions to ourselves.**

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,

**so we stay silent.**

And meanwhile, the parade marches on.

**Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.**

**Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"**

Gratefully we pray.

**Amen**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, even when we are silent,

even when we are scared,

even when we miss the moment,

even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—  
we belong to God.

There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that,  
so rest in this good news:

We are forgiven. We are known.

We belong to God, every day and always.

**Amen**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Ride on King Jesus*

CPC Choir

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Philip Kern

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, slow down the speed on this parade.

Paint the colors of this world a little brighter.

And dance through the words in our scripture passage  
until it is almost impossible for us to miss you there.

God we are here. We are trying to pay attention.  
Gratefully we pray. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING                      Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

RESPONSIVE READING                      from Psalm 31

In you, O faithful God, I seek refuge. In your faithfulness, deliver me!

**You are my rock and my fortress. Lead me and guide me.**

You have redeemed me, O Love. Into your hand I commit my Spirit.

**Be gracious to me, O God, for I am in distress.**

My eye is wasted from grief; my soul and body also.

**I hear whispering of many—terror all around!—**

**as they scheme against me, as they plot to take my life.**

But I trust in you, O Love. I say, “You are my God.

My times are in your hand.”

**Into your hand I commit my spirit.**

MEDITATION

*Strange King*

Pastor Jan Wiersma

GOSPEL READING                      Luke 23:1-49

*The feast of Passover is approaching. Jesus and his disciples join the crowds in Jerusalem. Together they celebrate the festival remembering the Hebrews’ liberation from slavery in Egypt. Christians know it as “the last supper,” the model for our communion service. Meanwhile, Judas Iscariot has conspired to betray Jesus with a kiss. Following the meal, Jesus prays in anguish in the garden while his disciples sleep; there he is arrested and taken before the high priest. As Jesus waits for his sham of a trial, Peter “the rock” denies him. The cock crows as Jesus predicted, day dawns, and the religious leaders turn Jesus over to the Roman governor to be sentenced to death.*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 218 Ah, Holy Jesus

vs. 1, 2, 5



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus:

who, despite being in the image of God,  
did not cling to equality with God,

**but in complete self-emptying  
was born into the human condition  
and took the place of the oppressed.**

Being born in human likeness,  
in utter humility Jesus accepted death—  
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted Christ  
and gave to Jesus the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God  
that Jesus Christ reigns supreme.**

# 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**

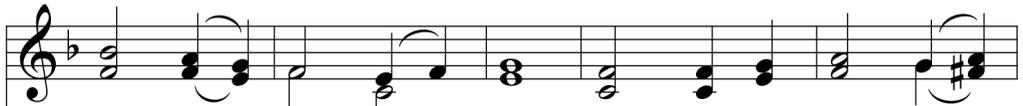
## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs. 1, 3, 4)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May you be at peace with Christ, our savior and our ruler.

May you be at peace with all that is wounded in you.

May you be at peace with all people, and all Creation.

May we all be at peace with those who oppose us as we resist injustice.

May the Spirit be at work in your life as you go forward from this day.

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

**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE



Parts of this service are adapted from "Full to the Brim,"  
A Sanctified Art, and courtesy of Steve Garnaas-Holmes, "Unfolding Light."

## Easter Flowers

You are invited to bring **spring flowers** to help decorate the church for Easter! Because of allergies, we are asking people to refrain from bringing Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary. The flowers can be in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones or an event.

Please let the church office know if you are planning to bring flowers so we can make mention of it in the bulletin!

Thank you,  
Worship and Music Committee



Wednesday, April 13, 10 am  
**Easter Egg Preparation**  
meet at church  
to stuff candy eggs for Gage East

Friday, April 15, 4:30-5:30 pm  
**Gage East Egg Dying and Egg Hunt**  
3-4 volunteers needed



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## TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, April 10

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, April 12

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 am Prayer Group

10:00 am Easter Egg Preparations for Gage E

7:00 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship (Onsite and Online)

Friday, April 15

4:30 pm Easter Egg Dying and Hunt Gage E

Sunday, April 3

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

**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

Bonnie Kinion

Margie Petersen

Ed Burgstaler's mother, Helen

*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.*

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### Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Sue Chipman
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

THANK YOU, GOD  
FOR CONNECTING US.

THANK YOU  
FOR NEIGHBORS,  
EACH WITH NEEDS  
AND GIFTS TO SHARE,  
AND FOR OUR CHURCH,  
THE WHOLE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER,  
AND FOR  
JESUS CHRIST,

AMEN.





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# Full to the Brim { *Even the stones cry out*



## Even the Stones Cry Out

by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Luke 19:28-40

*Digital painting with photo collage*

When I began this image, I wanted the medium to be the message. Initially I thought I might make a mosaic of stones, however, I was wisely encouraged by my colleagues to try photography and digital collage. I went out into my side yard and picked up rocks to take pictures of them. As I quickly scanned for interesting rocks, I was underwhelmed by what I was seeing. I had already decided that the rocks were going to be dull and boring. My color enthusiast self was annoyed by the prospect of dusty neutral tones and minimal contrast.

This was an interesting place to begin my process, considering the text I was working with. I was definitely underestimating what the rocks would have to offer the piece, and was preemptively disappointed about the mundane color schemes and textures I would have to work with from my photographs. Gosh, was I wrong. As I downloaded the images and began to edit them, a wide spectrum of color came into view. Most of the hues were entirely shocking and unexpected: periwinkle, magenta, turquoise, mauve, rust, orange, gold, and plum,

just to name a few. It was as if God was saying to me, “*See, even if you turn a blind eye, and your assumptions distract you, the stones will cry out.*”

In this piece there are three stones bordered in gold to reference the voice of God, the truth that will not be quelled. Down the sides of the image are the Pharisees or the “silencers” in postures of quieting judgment. My hope was for the silencers to be completely visually enveloped and drowned out by the stones. I left the silencers simplified and unfinished to signify that their attempts at diminishing the truth would ultimately and always be in vain.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

*Dramatis personæ:*

Luke: *Bruce Felger*

Jesus: *Devan Nelson*

Soldiers: *the congregation*

Priests and others: *choir*

Crowd: *the congregation*

*some or all of the following roles may be shared:*

Pontius Pilate: *Sue Chipman*

the First Criminal: *Mark Neville*

the Second Criminal: *Danan Nelson*

the Centurion: *Frank Jones*

Luke: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. *Luke 23.1-4*

Luke: Then the assembly of priests rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Luke: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Luke: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Luke: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Luke: But they were insistent and said,

Priests: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Luke: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

**Crowd: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Luke: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**Crowd: Crucify, crucify him!**

Luke: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Luke: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Luke: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Priests: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Luke: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**

Luke: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Luke: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Luke: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Luke: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

*Thanks to Bruce, Devan, Danan, Sue, Mark, and Frank for reading today.*

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