

Psalm 150:6

LET
EVERYTHING
THAT HAS
BREATH PRAISE
THE LORD.

April 24, 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

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

God of Love, you have passed through our sin and sorrow,
died of our wounds, lain in our grave.

And you have risen, full of life.

You have entered our darkness,
and you have made the darkness one with the light.

Now even the darkness shines with your glory.

All of life is raised, new, and we with it,

praising you with new voices, new hearts, new lives. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN GTG 231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

vs. 1 and 2



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.



LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Resurrecting God, when the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples, he offered them signs of peace, and breathed his spirit on them. Breathe your Spirit into us, and grant us seeing hearts, that we may live as your faithful disciples, and offer peace and healing in a broken world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 150 *adapted from Nan Merrill, Psalms for Praying*

Praise the Beloved!

Let there be praise in earth's sanctuary, and in the highest heavens!

Praise the mighty works of love!

Praise the glory and eternal greatness of divine love.

Give praise with trumpets, praise with lute and harp!

Give praise with songs and dancing, with strings and reed!

Give praise with sounding drums and crashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Beloved!

May it be so now and forever! Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thou True Vine
(tune: *Ode to Joy*)

Mark Neville

Thou true Vine, that heals the nations,
Tree of life, thy branches we.
They who leave thee fade and wither,
none bear fruit except in thee.
Cleanse us, make us sane and simple,
till we merge our lives in thine,
gain ourselves in thee, the Vintage,
give ourselves through thee, the Vine.

Nothing can we do without thee;
on thy life depends each one.
If we keep thy words and love thee,
all we ask for shall be done.
May we, loving one another,
radiant in thy light abide;
so through us, made fruitful by thee,
shall our God be glorified.

GOSPEL READING

John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs

in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On the writing of books

Pastor Jan Wiersma

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

vs. 1, 4, 5



1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Andreas Wagner
<http://modernliturgist.org>

**I believe in the God of Easter morning
Who awakens us from our darkest dreams
And leads us into the light of a new day,
Who meets our pessimism with stunning hope
Of angelic proclamation.**

**I believe in the God of Easter Day
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives
And empties the dark tomb for us;
Who appears in surprising ways
When we least expect it;
Walking with us on our detours.**

**I believe in the God of Easter evening
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.**

**I believe in the risen Lord
who meets us with wounds on his hands and feet;
Who grants us his Spirit, sending us out
To bring Shalom to the world. Amen.**

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 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

all verses



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

*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.

Immediately following worship, please remain in place for:

A TIME OF FAREWELL FOR MARGARET NELSON

MARGARET'S FAVORITE QUOTATIONS

REMEMBRANCES OF FRIENDS

REMEMBRANCES OF FAMILY

MEDITATION from Thais

REMEMBRANCES FROM MADONNA TOWERS

PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

All are warmly encouraged to stay for a simple time of coffee, conversation, and treats (delivered in gift bags, with a nod to covid precautions), as Margaret wished.



Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, April 24

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

10:30 am Remembrance Coffee for Marg

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, April 26

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:30 pm Session

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 am NO Prayer Group

7:00 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 1

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

The office will be closed May 3-15. Stephanie will be on vacation. Bulletin announcements for May 1, 8, and 15 are due April 26.

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 and
Ed's mother, Helen

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughters,

Teresa and Carla

Margie Petersen

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.

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Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Mark Neville
Special Music	Mark Neville
IT Support	Louis Bouchard



Annual Spring Fling
May 15 12-3 pm

All Hands on Deck!

Help give our church some cleaning TLC both inside and out! Sign up in the narthex! Check out the newsletter for a list of some of the chores for the day!

**BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP**



Normally, the book discussion group would be meeting today, April 24. Instead, we will honor our friend and avid book reader, Margaret Nelson.

The Book Discussion Group will meet Sunday, May 22 after worship. The group will

discuss both *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery and *Women in White Coats* by Olivia Campbell. Each book is interesting to read and will be fun to discuss! All are welcome to join in!

