

Community Presbyterian Church  
open hearted, open minded



I leave with you;

My *P* **Peace**  
I give you.

John 14:27

May 22, 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

*Let the River Run*

CPC Choir

by Carly Simon, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's goodness is always breaking into the world,

**yet the Spirit's movement still surprises us!**

God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

**This in-breaking flows through the world**

**as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.**

#### OPENING HYMN GTG 375

Shall We Gather at the River

*vs. 1 and 2*



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,



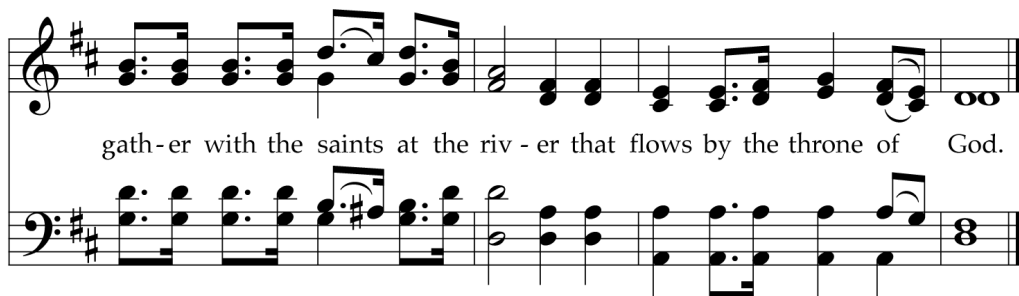
with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.

#### Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;





## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine through your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our savior and our friend. **Amen**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 67

O God, be gracious to us and bless us;  
make your face shine upon us,

**that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

May God continue to bless us;

**let all the ends of the earth revere the Blessed One.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Gather by the River to Pray*  
arr. Pepper Choplin

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 14:23-29

*Jesus' farewell teaching reverts again and again to the great mystery of God's love.*

Jesus assured his disciples, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Shining Faces, Healing Leaves*

Pastor Jan Wiersma

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 688 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart vs. 1, 2, 5

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *Journey into Wholeness*, by Christine Sine

**We believe in God above us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,  
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,  
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world,  
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,  
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

**We believe in God.**

# 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 295

Go to the World!

*all verses*



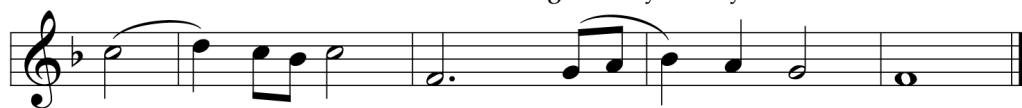
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*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.**

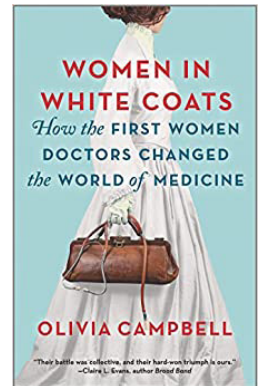
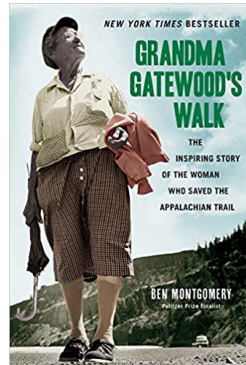
POSTLUDE



BOOK DISCUSSION  
GROUP



**The Book Discussion Group will meet today, 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!



SPECIAL  
GUESTS  
NEXT  
WEEK!

Next week, on May 29, we are pleased to welcome a number of special guests to our service. Dr. Safia Ahmed of the Mayo clinic will speak to us about prayer in her own Muslim faith tradition. We also welcome Beckie Merideth and her family. Beckie and her husband John were charter members of CPC. John passed away in February. Several children and grandchildren will also be part of the service, remembering John's life. A luncheon and further celebration of life will be held in the Great Room later that morning. All are invited to attend.

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## TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, May 22

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

10:30 am Book Discussion Group

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, May 24

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 25

6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, May 26

Last day of school year for Children's Place

Sunday, May 29

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

11:30 am Building Usage: John Merideth  
Family Memorial and Celebration

Monday, May 30

Office Closed - Memorial Day

**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

Shannon Cisewski

*To be added to the prayer list, please  
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*For emergency pastoral care,  
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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	Sherrie Wilson
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard