

*My prayer is ...  
that all of them may be one,  
Father,  
just as you are in me  
and I am in you.*

*John 17:20-21*

**May 29, 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

Holy One, Heart of Heaven, your grace enfolds us.

Your Word creates us, and we rejoice in you.

**You are in us, and we are in you.**

Risen Christ, you have been raised to rule all things.

You reign over us in love, and with grace you embrace us.

**You are in us, and we are in you.**

Holy Spirit, you live in each of us, giving us one shared life.

With your people in all nations and traditions, languages and lifestyles,

we are one. And we praise you as one people.

**Alleluia! You are in us, and we are in you.**

**Come, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

### OPENING HYMN GTG 327

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

*vs. 1 and 2*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is marked 'Unison' and contains two lines of lyrics. The second system is marked 'Harmony' and 'Unison' and contains two lines of lyrics. The third system is marked 'Unison' and contains two lines of lyrics.

*Unison*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -

*Harmony* *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's  
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all

*Unison*

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.

*Harmony*

*Unison*

## 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**

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 33

*The repeated response is from the Quran, Surah 34:1*

Sing to God a new song; for the word of God is righteous.

The Maker of all loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of God,  
by whose word the heavens were made,  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

**Praise be to God, to Whom everything in the heavens,  
and everything in the earth belongs,  
and praise be to God in the Hereafter.**

Let the whole earth fear the Beloved, who is God of all;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of the One  
who spoke, and it came to be; who commanded, and it stood firm.

**Praise be to God, to Whom everything in the heavens  
and everything in the earth belongs,  
and praise be to God in the Hereafter.**

Truly the eye of God is on those who fear and follow,  
on those who hope in the steadfast love of the Merciful One,  
to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.  
Our soul waits for God, our help and shield.  
Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us, as we hope in you.

**Praise be to God, to Whom everything in the heavens  
and everything in the earth belongs,  
and praise be to God in the Hereafter.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

Reader: Aria Janello

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Gift of Love*

English folk melody, text by Hal Hopson

Sung by Miranda Janello, accompanied by her mother, Betsy Merideth

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole,  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

*In some of the most moving words of the Bible, Jesus prays for unity, a oneness which allows for the uniqueness of each person.*

”I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Dr. Safia Ahmed

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

vs. 1, 3, 5

1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
3 Let strife a-mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.  
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God’s name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.  
Be God’s the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

## POEM

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

Isabel and Oliver Merideth

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;  
 in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
 In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
 there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
 From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
 unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
 in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
 unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## 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 340

This Is My Song

vs. 1 and 2

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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### \*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

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, May 29**

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

11:00 am Building Usage: John Merideth  
Family Memorial and Celebration

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, May 30

Office Closed - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

Children's Place Summer School begins

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:30 pm Mission & Christian Ed meeting

Wednesday, June 1

6:30 am Prayer Group

**Sunday, June 5**

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

10:30 am Deacons Meeting

*Today, we welcome a number of special guests to our service. Dr. Safia Ahmed of the Mayo clinic as guest speaker. We also welcome Beckie Merideth and her family. Beckie and her husband John were charter members of CPC.*

**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 daughter, Teresa

Shannon Cisewski

Jennifer Hall

Susie Olson

*To be added to the prayer list, please  
contact the church office at  
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office@cpcrochester.org.  
For emergency pastoral care,  
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

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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     | Sue Chipman     |
| Special Music | Miranda Janello |
|               | Betsy Merideth  |
| IT Support    | Louis Bouchard  |

## ***John Merideth***

***December 17, 1934 - February 4, 2022***

Dr. John Merideth, 87, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022, at home in Jacksonville, Florida.

John was born on December 17, 1934, in Elkhart, KS, son of Clyde O. Merideth, Jr. MD and Gloria B. Moore Merideth. He grew up in Emporia, KS, and attended the University of Kansas for both his undergraduate studies and medical training. After graduating from KU's School of Medicine, John continued as an intern at KU Medical Center.



During his teen years, John and his father were active in Boy Scouts of America. Clyde, Jr. was the medical officer for the Boy Scout National Jamborees. Summers were spent at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM where John was a camp counselor.

In September 1961, John and Sarah R. (Beckie) Todd were married in Rochester, MN. John began his internal medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis and was posted to Ft. Wayne in Detroit, MI. During their time there, John and Beckie welcomed their daughter, Betsy. John was later sent to Seoul, Korea, for the remainder of his tour of duty. Following that, the family returned to Rochester, MN, to resume John's residency in internal medicine.

In Rochester, John and Beckie welcomed their son, Randall. John became a Fellow in Cardiology and spent a year as an NIH Fellow in Cardiac Pathology, followed by a year-long fellowship with Dr. Gordon Moe at the Masonic Research Lab in Utica, NY. In 1967, John went on staff at the Mayo Clinic in Cardiology. During that time, the family welcomed their daughter, Melissa.

In 1971, John established the Mayo Clinic's Pacemaker Clinic, and from 1974-1978 he served as the first director of Mayo's Pacemaker Electrophysiology Group. He served as consultant to Medtronic as the pacemakers were developed.

In 1990, John and Beckie moved to Florida where John continued as a staff cardiologist at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. John retired in 1996, but continued to work for Mayo Rochester, running the ECG lab and teaching during the summers. In 2010, he retired again. John and Beckie enjoyed traveling in their motorhome, which they shared with their two Shar-Pei dogs, to visit their children, grandchildren and other family and to attend bluegrass festivals.

John is survived by his wife of 60 years, Beckie; daughter, Betsy; son, Randall; daughter, Melissa; and six grandchildren.