



June 19, 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

Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Anna Blakesley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we praise you!

Risen Christ, we greet you!

You heal us of our brokenness and restore us to full living.

You rescue us from our isolation and restore us to community.

You overpower the forces of evil, and establish your dominion on the earth.

We gladly tell of the wondrous things you have done! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN GTG 399 God Welcomes All *with instruments; repeat as directed*

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Welcomes All'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the lyrics 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and single notes.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence before the prayer of confession

God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love.

Because we do not understand them,

**we segregate them,
we reject them,
we demonize them,
and we hurt them.**

**Forgive us, in your infinite love,
and teach us to welcome all of your children
until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy.
Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood.
Guide us to love one another as you love us.**

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal One, Holy Oneness, we belong to you. Loving Christ, Divine Companion, we listen for you. Holy Spirit, Breath of God in us, we open ourselves to your flow into us and through us to the world. Holy Three, Holy One, you live in us, and we in you. We offer ourselves in love. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 22:19-28

O Beloved, do not be far away!

You are my help; come quickly to my aid!

**Deliver my soul from anguish, my life from attack!
Save me from those who would bully and torment me.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Stand in wonder of the Mystery, and give praise!

For God does not disdain those who are preyed upon;
God does not ignore them or hide from them;

Their cries are heard; their prayers rise up to heaven.

The hungry shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek you shall praise you.

Your heart is our dwelling place forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn;
all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**Power and authority belong to the Most High,
Who rules over all nations.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Living Prayer
by Allison Krause

Anna Blakelsey

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples got into a boat with his disciples and set out for the other side of the Sea of Galilee. On the way, a windstorm arose and frightened the disciples; Jesus, however, calmed the sea, to the disciples' amazement.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right

mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Your Word, our light; your grace, our hope; your love, our life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God's Welcome Song

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 799 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry *both verses*

1 I love the Lord, who heard my cry
 2 I love the Lord, who heard my cry

and pit - ied ev - ery groan.
 and chased my grief a - way.

Long as I live and trou - bles rise,
 O let my heart no more de - spair

I'll has - ten to God's throne.
 while I have breath to pray.

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 80 You Shall Go Out with Joy
with instruments; repeat as directed

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;"

Chord symbols: Em B7 Em B7 Em, G C G D, B N.C. Em B7 Em, B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em, D7 N.C. G C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

the trees of the field will clap their hands

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The blessing of God, all-giving and all-holy,
 who was and is and is to come—
 be with you now and always.

Go in peace to love your God
 with heart and soul and mind and strength,
 and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen**

POSTLUDE

June 20 is World Refugee Day: The Right to Seek Safety

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. This year, the focus will be on the right to seek safety. Every person on this planet has that right - whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whenever they are forced to flee.

Today, as we sing "God's Welcome Song," we remember the more than 82 million people who have been forced to leave their homes, their livelihoods, and all that is beloved and familiar because those places are no longer safe.

For global information and action, check out www.unhcr.org (The UN Refugee Agency).

To learn more about local initiatives to welcome refugees, go to Arrive Ministries, <https://arriveministries.org/rochester/> or Catholic Charities Southern Minnesota Refugee Resettlement <https://www.ccsomn.org/refugee-resettlement-program/>

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, June 19

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)-
Outdoors, weather permitting

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, June 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, June 21

12:00 pm Conference Call *

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, June 22

6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, June 23

11:00 am Gage East Summer Event

Sunday, June 26

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

Online Worship: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

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* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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*For emergency pastoral care,
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July 16, 2-4 pm, there will
be an Ice Cream Social
with our ministry partners!
Plan to be here! More in-
formation coming soon!



Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

Special Music

IT Support

Frank Jones

Anna Blakesley

Louis Bouchard