

“Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty.”

E.M. Bounds

July 31, 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

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

CPC Choir

music by Charles H. Gabriel, arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has given us this day.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God has gathered us in this place.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

#### OPENING HYMN GTG 658

God Is So Good

*all verses*

1 God is so good; God is so good;  
2 God cares for me; God cares for me;  
3 God loves me so; God loves me so;  
4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.  
God cares for me; God's so good to me.  
God loves me so; God's so good to me.  
God is so good; God's so good to me.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God of grace, you have raised us to new life.

**We call to mind those times we have clothed ourselves in the new self,  
and we give thanks.**

*[Silent reflection...]*

**We call to mind those times when we have fallen into the old life,  
and we seek your grace.**

**Heal us, God, forgive us, and continue to renew us in the image of our Creator.**

*[Silent reflection...]*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Dearly beloved, by the grace we know in Christ,

I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven.

You have died, and your life is hidden in Christ.

When Christ, who is your life, is revealed,

then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Amen.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we thank you for this time with you. Help us to let go of our attachments to what we think we want, long enough to listen to you. Help us to set our minds on your grace. Prepare us to be changed, and to listen to you, so that we may trust and follow and serve. **Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

*adapted*

O give thanks to the Beloved, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Let those redeemed from trouble say it aloud;

**They are those gathered in from every land,  
from the east and the west, from the north and the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;  
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the Merciful One in their trouble,  
and were delivered from their distress;**

Their Deliverer led them by a straight way,  
until they came to a place where they could live.

**Let them give thanks for God's steadfast love,  
and wonderful works to humankind.**

Like a loving mother, God satisfies the thirsty,  
and fills the hungry with good things.

**Let those who are wise give heed to these things,  
and consider the steadfast love of our God.**

SCRIPTURE READING      Colossians 3.1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lift Your Light*  
by Mary McDonald

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING      Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

“Holy One, help us, forgive us, use us. Thank you.”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 474 As a Child Rests

vs. 1 and 2

Refrain



As a child rests in its moth-er’s arms, so will I rest in you.



As a child rests in its moth-er’s arms, so will I rest in you.

to Refrain



1 My God, I am not proud. I do not look for things too great.

2 My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,  
hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER/PRAYER OF JESUS *paraphrased by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

**Beloved, Center and Source of our living, whose presence is heaven,  
your holy love fills Creation.**

**May your delight be fulfilled and your Realm unfold among us,  
the visible world blossoming out of the unseen.**

**We turn to you alone for our sustenance, the bread of life each day.**

**Set us free from our failings, as we set free all who have failed us.**

**Lead us beyond our desires and save us from the grip of evil.**

**For the world is within you; all power is from you,**

**and all glory is about you in eternity, which is the present moment. Amen.**

# SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

vs. 1 and 3

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

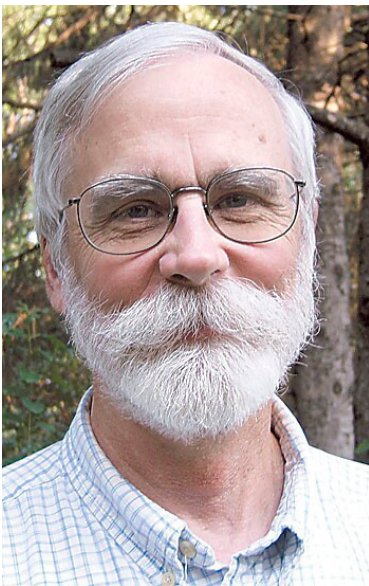
The blessing of God, all-giving and all-holy,  
who was and is and is to come—  
be with you now and always.

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

### POSTLUDE

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## Today we welcome Mike Resman, our guest speaker!



Mike Resman, a member of the Rochester Friends Meeting, will speak as part of worship today. Quakers are primarily but not exclusively Christian, and generally worship together in silence, which has led to a world-changing sense of mission in many of them. Early American Quakers were some of the first to understand, through their connection to the divine in prayer, that enslavement of fellow human beings was an evil that must be eradicated. During Quaker worship over twenty years ago, Mike Resman had an epiphany experience. Those ten minutes transformed him, leading him onto a spiritual path. Now retired from his career as a pediatric Occupational Therapist, he spends his time praying, writing, and serving in various volunteer capacities. The Post-Bulletin has featured him several times for his outstanding work in the community. He has also authored or edited several books on spirituality and prayer, and edits a Quaker journal on the subject.

# Community Presbyterian Church

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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, July 31**

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

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Sunday afternoon-Wednesday

Pastor Jan is on retreat!

Monday-Friday

8:00 am - 12:00pm Med-City Driving

Tuesday, August 2

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:00 pm Brain Injury Support Group

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, August 3

6:30 am Prayer Group

**Sunday, August 7**

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



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa  
and son-in-law, Dave

Shannon Cisewski

Jennifer Hall

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### Serving in Worship Today

Guest Speaker

Liturgist

Special Music

IT Support

Mike Resman

Sherrie Wilson

CPC Choir

Louis Bouchard

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