

Community Presbyterian Church

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PEACE
BEGINS
WITH EACH
OF US.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
+
OCTOBER 2, 2022



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION
SEPTEMBER 4–OCTOBER 2, 2022

October 2, 2022

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

We gather in the name of God:

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures!

Praise be to the Holy Trinity!

God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life,
to whom the angels sing;

**Wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind,
and life that lives in all.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 756

O God of Every Nation

vs. 1 and 2

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God.

God of abundant life,

you have planted the seed of your grace within us.

Create an empty, fertile place in us for it to grow.

**In silence, we harbor the miracle of your presence;
we let it grow within us.**

**We lift up to your light and surrender
all those things that hinder our full living
in the power of your Spirit alone in us.**

Forgive us, heal us, and bring your power to life in us.

Silence for reflection

By the tender mercies of God, whose love is infinite,
your sins are fully and freely forgiven. **Amen**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love, by your grace, give us your eyes to look honestly on the world. Give us your compassion to love this broken world. Give us your heart to enter into this world with courage. Plant the mustard seed of your love in us that we may join you in the healing of the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 37:1-9

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in God, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Beloved, who will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Blessed One, and trust; God will act.

Your Advocate will defend you; the justice of your cause will shine like the sun.

Be still before our God, and wait patiently;

do not fret over those who prosper in their evil ways.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off from the living,

but those who wait for the Righteous One shall inherit the land.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Walk in the Light

by Sis. Meda Ellis & Sisters

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17. 5-10

The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith." And Jesus replied, "If you had faith no bigger even than a mustard-seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and replanted in the sea,' and it would immediately obey you. Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or minding sheep. When he comes back from the fields, will the master say, 'Come at once and sit down'? Will he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper; put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; you can have yours later?' Is he grateful to the servant for carrying out his orders? So with you: when you have carried out all your orders, you should say, 'We are servants and deserve no credit; we have only done our duty.'"

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

SERMON

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be



un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

to Stanza 4



loved as to love with all my soul.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of all things,
ruler of the world and all that is to come.

By your Word you have created all people in your image.

By your Spirit you have created your church, one people,
the Body of Christ, united throughout the world in your grace,

and you call us to be reconciled in Christ.

As you draw us to your feast this day, you call all your children;

we are one with them, and we honor them around this table.

Therefore with the faithful around the world we sing:

SANCTUS GTG 595

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - does you!



My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

Blessed are all who come in your name,
and blessed is Jesus, your beloved Son, your Christ:

**he formed community, welcomed the outcast,
and planted a mustard seed of faith in each of us.**

He has broken down all dividing walls and made us one in his love.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Pour out your spirit on us,
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ.**
By your Spirit make us mustard seeds of your love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE 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**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup
until all are served so that we might partake together.*

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION 471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. You have made us one with all your people through the earth. Strengthen us and send us out to be partners in your great work of the redemption of the world. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

vs. 3 and 4



3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church –
To listen to the voice of all creatures
As they reflect God's glory in creation. **Amen.**

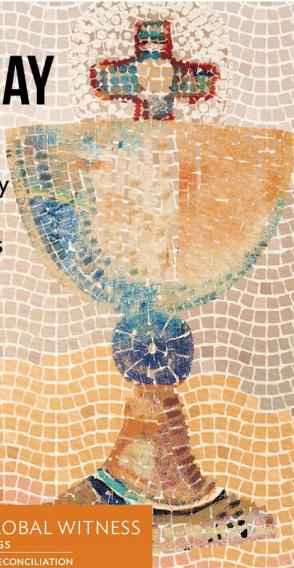
POSTLUDE

Some parts of this service were used by permission of Steve Garnaas-Holmes, from his web resource, *Unfolding Light*.

LET US PRAY

O God of Peace,
we embrace your joy
and go forth to
connect with others
in building a world
where all can find
compassion, peace
and justice.

AMEN.



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Our gifts to the
Peace & Global Witness Offering
draw Presbyterians together
as active peacemakers,
to address systems of injustice
in our own communities
and across the world.



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2022



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Community Presbyterian Church will donate 25% of the Peace and Global Witness offering to the Southeastern Minnesota Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense (SMIILD). SMIILD is a non-profit organization whose members are communities of faith concerned with addressing the needs of immigrant communities in our area and providing legal defense for those wrongfully detained or in danger of deportation. They depend on donations to do this good work. More information about that organization can be found on their website, <https://www.smild.org/>.

Two current Blue Sky opportunities:

- Volunteers for a Gage East Halloween party that promises a lot of seasonal fun. Contact Mark Neville if you are interested in helping – maneville1950@gmail.com
- Thanks to the tithe of 10% of Margaret Nelson's bequest, we have the gift of monetary resources to bestow outside our walls, on people who need to know that someone cares. If you are interested in helping determine where funds go, contact Pastor Jan – pastor@cpcrochester.org.

And stay for the next Blue Sky conversation after the worship service today.



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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, October 2

- 9:30 am Worship with Communion
Onsite and Online
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, October 3

- 1:00 pm Mission Prayer Group
6:00 pm Building Usage: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, October 4

- 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, October 5

- 6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, October 6

- 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, October 9

- 9:30 am Worship Onsite and Online
10:30 am Climate Change Forum *Date Change!*
2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

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

Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Shannon Cisewski

Judy Robb's brother, Dan
Stephanie Pasch's father, Merle

*To be added to the prayer list, please
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