

Community Presbyterian Church  
open hearted, open minded



**September 25, 2022**

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Prelude in E minor Op. 28, No. 4*  
Frederic Chopin, arr. J. Ray

Sofia Richter

\*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!

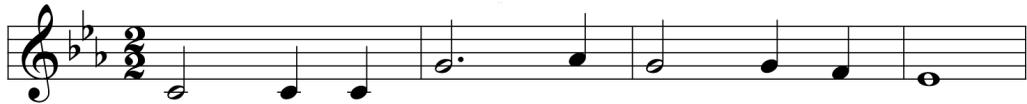
**Praise be to the Holy Trinity!**

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 21

Many and Great Are Thy Works



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,  
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,



Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have  
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to



set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the  
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the

moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the  
 gifts of life. Bless us with life that  
 wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.  
 has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

First came the evocative Dakota chant, bearing a French name (“the lake that speaks”) for the site of a Native American mission in western Minnesota. That was where the original seven-stanza text based on Jeremiah 10:12–13 was written in the Dakota language to fit the tune.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us silence our ambitions and examine our lives in the light of God’s mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
 cast out any reluctance you find there—  
 ransack, renovate, recover, rebuild!  
 Deep in our hearts, remove fear of difference;  
 help us truly see people of every color,  
 and the full spectrum of life experience.  
 Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts,  
 and teach us wisdom,  
 so the hearts you transform may rejoice.**

In the name of the One who saw beggars as human beings. and recognized the worth of each soul, you, too, are seen, known, and forgiven. **Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Sonatina in G*  
 Thomas Atwood

Sofia Richter

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator God, call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Teach us to listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory, for “faith comes from hearing.” Fill us with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-10, 15

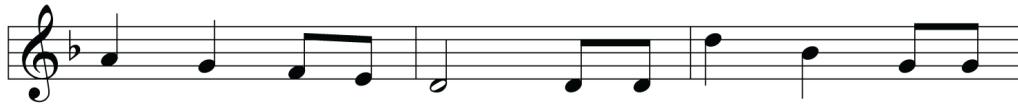
These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the human from the dust of the ground, from the humus, and breathed into the human’s nostrils the breath of life; and the human became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there put the human which had been formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The Lord God took and put the human in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

PSALM 137 GTG 72

By the Babylonian Rivers



1 By the Bab - y - lo - nian riv - ers we sat  
 2 There our cap - tors in de - ri - sion did re -  
 3 How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a



down in grief and wept, hung our harps up - on the  
 quire of us a song; so we sat with star - ing  
 strange and bit - ter land; can our voic - es veil the



wil - low, mourned for Zi - on when we slept.  
 vi - sion, and the days were hard and long.  
 sor - row? Lord God, hold your ho - ly band.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

SERMON

*Makoce Ikikcupi (Land Recovery)*

Pastor Jan

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night lead me on to the light;**

**take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;**

**when my life is almost gone,**

**hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;**

**take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, Creator of All:**

**The two legged, the four legged,  
the winged ones and those that crawl upon the earth,  
and swim in your waters.**

**We believe in God, Who Walked With Us;**

**Our Brother born in humbleness who lived and died for us  
and who will come again to bring us to glory,**

**Ever present, ever guiding, and upholding us,  
showing us the principles to live by,**

**whose voice we hear through the prophets you have given us.**

**Creator, One Who Walked With Us, and Spirit With Us, Holy One:**

**We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,  
all of us related, your children.**

**We watch for signs of your homecoming  
and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.**

*[Http://www.lutheranssw.org/wp-content/uploads/Native-American-Resources09-2016.pdf](http://www.lutheranssw.org/wp-content/uploads/Native-American-Resources09-2016.pdf)*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

**hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*This version of the Lord's Prayer is adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer*

*He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, influenced by Maori theologians*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your beloved community of peace and freedom**

**sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

*vs. 1 and 4*

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

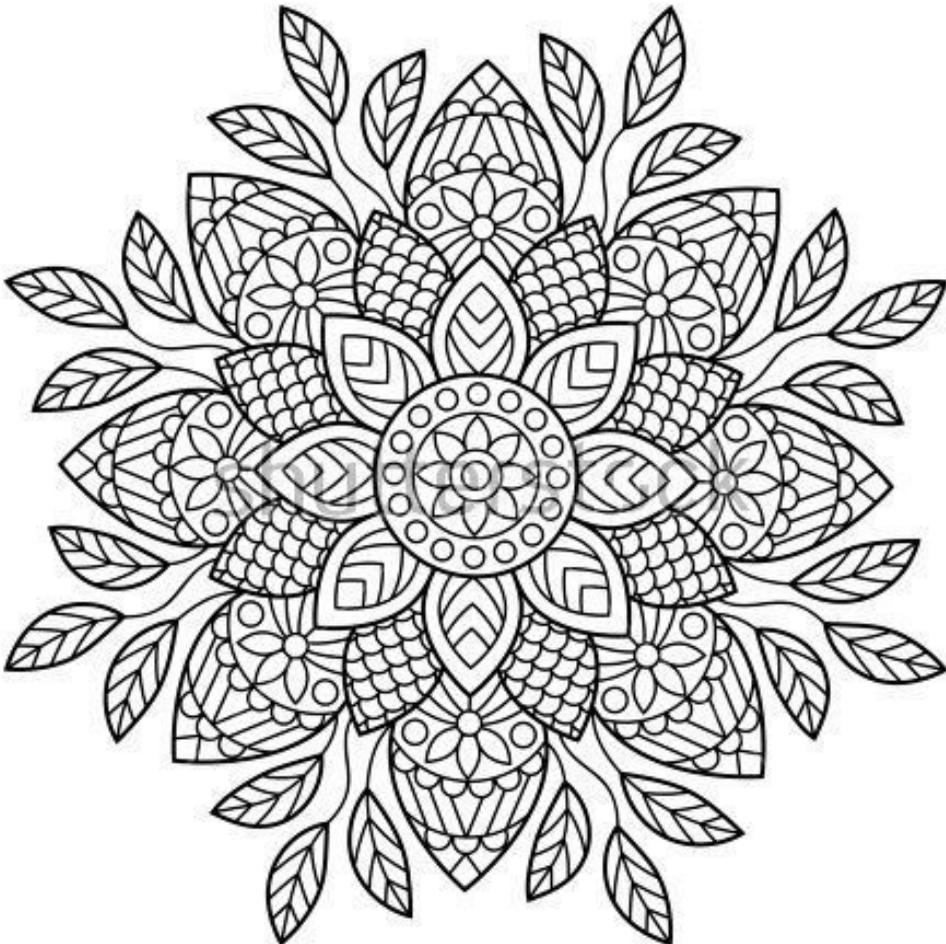
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme*

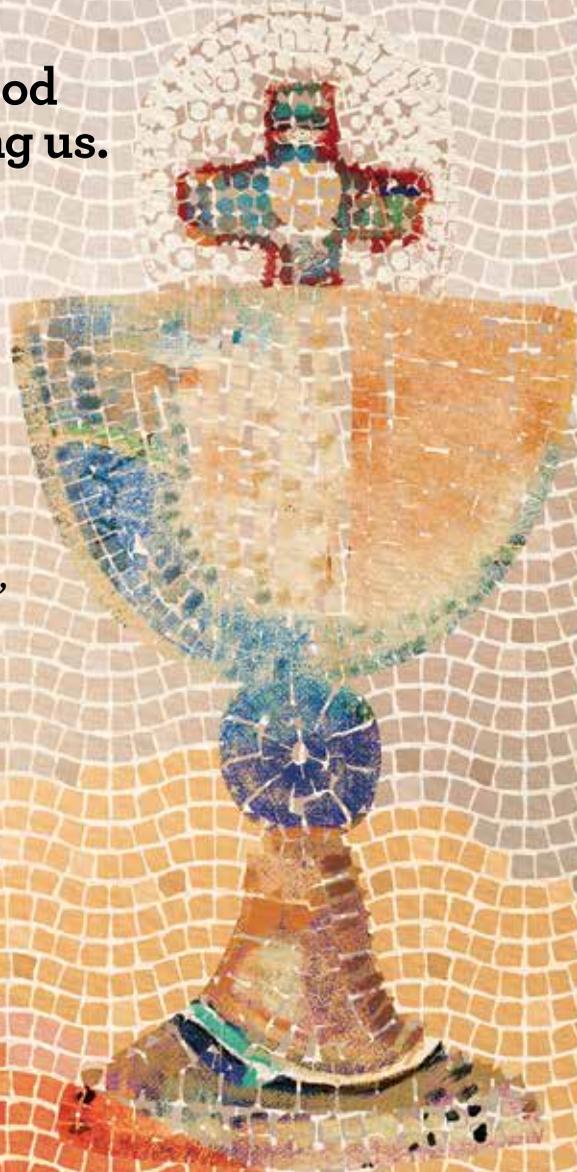
May God who established the dance of creation,  
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,  
Who transforms chaos to order,  
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church –  
To listen to the voice of all creatures  
As they reflect God's glory in creation. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



# Thank you, God for connecting us.

Thank you  
for neighbors,  
each with needs  
and gifts  
to share,  
and for  
our church,  
the Whole Church,  
together, and  
for Jesus Christ,  
Amen.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



# Peace

is doing, not waiting.

Peace begins  
with each of us.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid council to join with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



Please give what you can.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

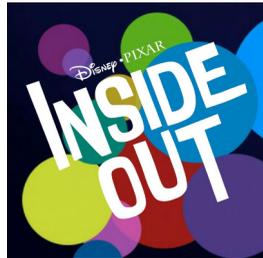
*Thank you!*



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.smiild.org/>.

### CPC presents... a Movie!

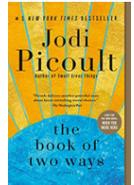
Tonight, CPC will host an outdoor, back-to-school movie event, screening the highly acclaimed Disney film, *Inside Out*, which explores the complex emotions of Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness in ways that young children can understand, but that we all experience. We'll gather at 7:00 to grab some popcorn, and settle in on the west lawn as dusk falls. The movie is 90 minutes long. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, drinks and friends. Popcorn will be provided free of charge!



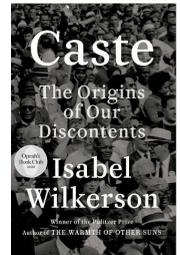
### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The book discussion group will meet today following worship (onsite and online). The group will discuss Jodi Picoult's book, *The Book of Two Ways*. **All are welcome to join in!**



Copies of October's book choice, *Caste*, by Isabel Wilkerson are available at church. Please be sure to sign out by name! The book group will meet on October 23 after worship.



### 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](mailto: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@cpchester.org](mailto:pastor@cpchester.org).

**And come to the next Blue Sky conversation after the worship service on Oct 2.**

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

## TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)
- 10:45 am Book Discussion Group
- 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios
- 7:00 pm CPC Presents... A Movie!

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, September 27

- 10:00 am PW Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Conference Call \*
- 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
- 6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

- 6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, September 29

- 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, October 2

- 9:30 am Worship with Communion  
Onsite and Online
- 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  
contact the church office at  
507-280-9291 or via email  
[Office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:Office@cpcrochester.org).  
For emergency pastoral care,  
Call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

## Church Staff

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 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 | Sofia Richter  |
| IT Support    | Louis Bouchard |