

Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



October 23, 2022

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is the house of God;

How beautiful to be gathered in divine Light!

How lovely is the place where the Beloved dwells.

How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.

OPENING HYMN GTG 406/397 We Are Standing on Holy Ground/O Look and Wonder



We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,



and I know that there are an - gels all a -



round; let us praise Je - sus



now; we are stand - ing in his



pres - ence on ho - ly ground.



O look and won - der: how good it is!



How good it is when all earth's peo - ple dwell in peace to - geth - er:



that is where God will pour the bless - ing, life for - ev - er - more.

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The God of mercy waits in compassion.

Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion
or trust too much in the good things we do.**

Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned;

Yes, even we who seek your presence today fall short.

We have failed to live as the people you call us to be.

Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Silence for reflection

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off,

God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, as we gather in your name, make our hearts places of peace, our minds harbors of tranquility. May your Word sow in our souls true love for you and for one another, rooting friendship and unity among us. May we give peace to each other sincerely and receive it with reverence. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To God be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 84:1-7

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Beloved;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

A place where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O God of hosts.

Happy are those who live in your house;

they are always singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of sorrow,

they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;

The God of gods will be revealed in peace and power.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gather with the Saints
arranged by Larry Shackley

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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

SERMON

In the Presence

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

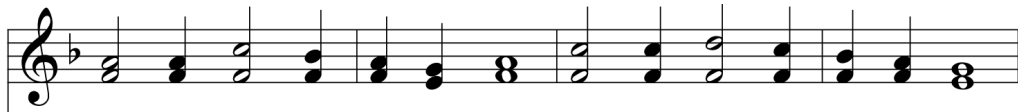
vs. 1 and 3



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is _o - ver."
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother 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 700

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

vs. 1-3

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)

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*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

Family movie opportunity on Friday, October 28th!

Come for free pizza at 6 pm,
stay for the family-themed
Halloween movie *Coco*
starting at 6:30. Please
share the word and invite your friends.
Sign-up is encouraged so that we can
order pizza in advance.



Gage East will be hosting a "trunk or
treat" event from 4:00-5:30 pm (note time
change) Tuesday October 25th. We can
volunteer to open our trunk to trick-or-
treaters, or participate in some simple kid
friendly activities like a ring toss game/
other carnival style games, or just dress up
and enjoy the company of the residents! Let
Mark Neville or Pastor Jan know!

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, October 23

- 9:30 am Worship Onsite and Online
- 10:45 am Book Discussion Group
- 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, October 24

- 6:00 pm Building Usage: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, October 25

- 10:00 am PW Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Conference Call *
- 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
- 4:00 pm Gage East Trunk or Treating
- 6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 26

- 6:30 am Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

- 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Friday, October 28

- 6:00 pm CPC presents... pizza and a movie!

Sunday, October 30

- 9:30 am Worship Onsite and Online with guest speaker: Melece Cheal Orme
- 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



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
Jennifer Hall

*To be added to the prayer list, please
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Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Jane Burgstaler
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

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