

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

October 30, 2022

Welcome to worship this morning!

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Through the joy and challenge of daily living,
God is faithful to us still.

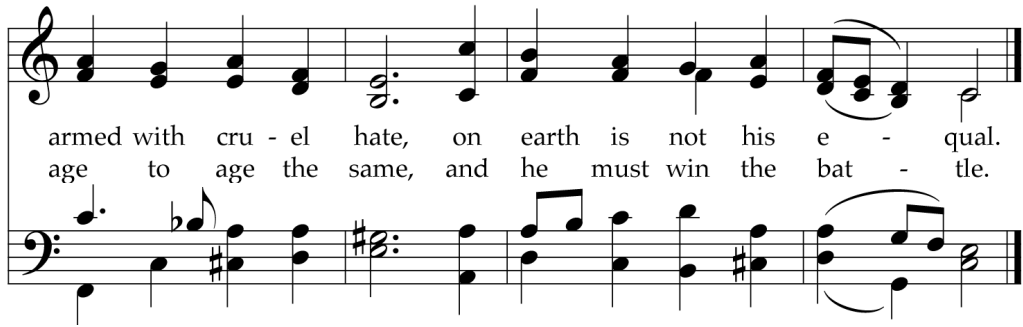
**We gather in thanksgiving, with open hearts and open minds,
seeking to offer God our worship and praise.**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**God of transformation, we confess that we are stuck in our ways,
resistant to change that would draw us closer to you
and to the beloved community you intend.**

**We seek freedom for ourselves, ignoring the oppression of others.
Have mercy on us, O God.**

Grant that we may live our lives through the faith we have in Jesus.

Silence for reflection

Beloved, we are justified by grace through faith.

In all things, our gracious God offers us salvation.

Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

On this Reformation Sunday, we pray for harmony across denominations, knowing that unity is central to your being. Help us to be a church that embraces our role in the public sphere alongside Christians of other traditions and people of other faiths. In our life together, make us an ever-closer likeness of your beloved community. We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks, the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

‘Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Sweet By And By
sung by A Southern Gospel Revival

music by J.P. Webster

SCRIPTURE READING Alma 33:4-9 (from *The Book of Mormon*)

For [the prophet Zenos] said, Thou art merciful, O God, for thou hast heard my prayer, even when I was in the wilderness; yea, thou wast merciful when I prayed concerning those who were mine enemies, and thou didst turn them to me.

Yea, O God, and thou wast merciful unto me when I did cry unto thee in my field; when I did cry unto thee in my prayer, and thou didst hear me.

And when I did turn unto my closet, O Lord, and prayed unto thee, thou didst hear me.

Yea, thou are merciful unto thy children when they cry unto thee, to be heard of thee and not of men, and thou wilt hear them.

Yea, O God, thou hast been merciful unto me, and heard my cries in the midst of thy congregations.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

vs. 1-3



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Aaron Simms

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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

vs. 1, 2 and 4



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

*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

Session seeks volunteers for an ad hoc committee to oversee investment and use of the remainder of the Margaret Nelson bequest. The committee will probably meet twice before the new year. Contact Pastor Jan if you are interested.

Today we welcome Melece Cheal Orme, guest speaker! Melece is a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and an active member of the Rochester 4th Ward in the Rochester, Minnesota Stake, where she now serves as 2nd Counselor in the Young Women Presidency. Born and raised in Cache Valley in the Rocky Mountains, she attended Brigham Young University and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music. She is also the mother of four children (the youngest attends Children's Place Nursery School), and a dedicated writer, currently working on a fantasy novel for young adults.

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday. We remember those dear to us who guided us in faith and preceded us in death, as well as any other who have passed from this life. The entire service, including communion, will reflect our deep gratitude for God's promise of the resurrection and the eternal life that is ours in Christ. **Worshippers are invited to share the names of loved ones who have died with the office by Tuesday, November 1, at noon, to be printed in the bulletin.** Also, all who wish to do so may bring a memorial candle to be placed on a central table and lit from the Christ candle prior to the service. During Joys and Concerns, we will have a chance to share the names of those specially remembered in this way.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, October 30

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

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

- 12:00 pm Conference Call *
12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due, including
names for All Saints Sunday
6:30 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, November 2

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

Thursday, November 3

- 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, November 6

- 9:30 am Worship with Communion
Onsite and Online with
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
Jennifer Hall

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

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