

"Do not be afraid, keep on speaking."
Acts 18:9



Image: Dawn at Sunrise Peak, Utah,
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November 13, 2022
STEWARDSHIP and DONUTS SUNDAY
ARMISTICE DAY: Ringing bells for peace

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

The Armistice of 1918 ended the horrendous slaughter of World War I, called THE WAR TO END ALL WARS. When the Armistice was signed, exuberant JOY broke out around the world. For many years bells rang 11 times at that 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month. Then it slowly faded away, especially in the U.S. Now we ring bells again, many bells, many places, 11 times, at that sacred moment. With a moment of silence, we remember the soldiers and civilians killed in warfare in every country, and we commit to work and pray for peace until this assault on the Will of the Creator of us all, is finally over. Plan to stay after worship today to hear the bell rung 11 times in recognition of this day.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has been gracious to us and blessed us.

Our lives shine with the light of God's love.

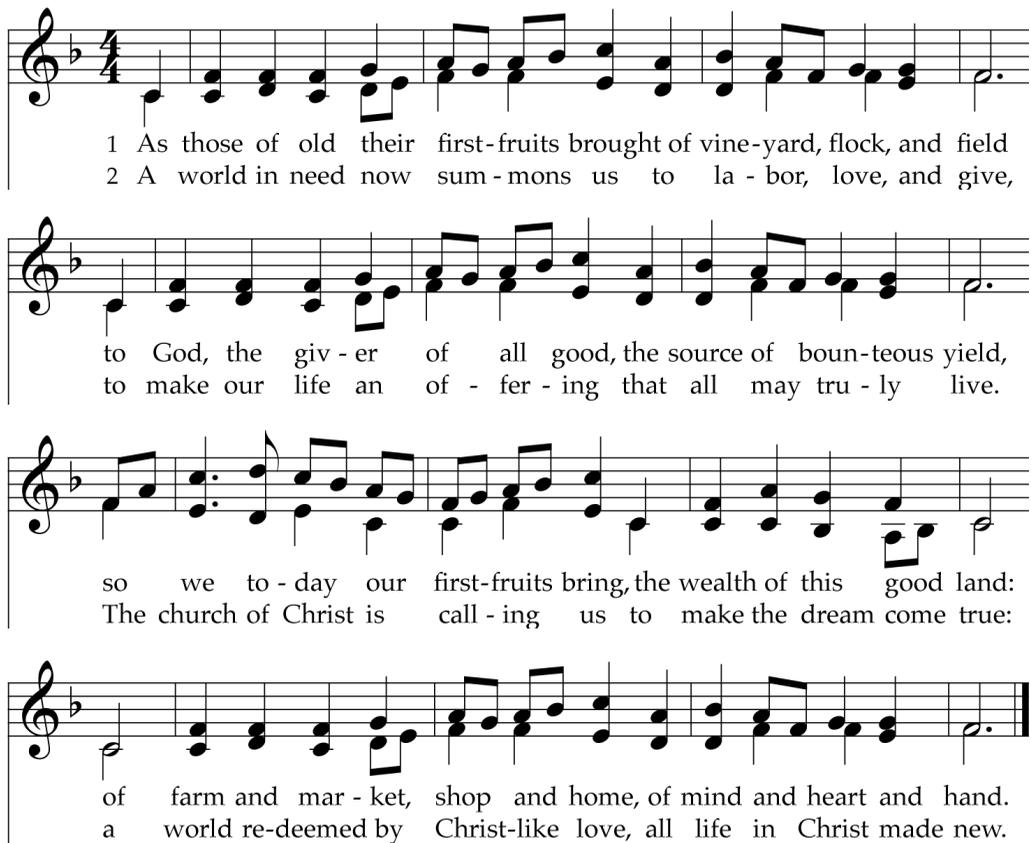
May all the people praise you, Beloved;

Let all nations be glad and sing for joy.

The earth has yielded its increase;

Let the ends of the earth praise the Giver.

OPENING HYMN GTG 712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *vs. 1 and 2*



1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Beloved, we come into the temple of your grace
and offer you our lives as a sacrifice.**

**In the name of Christ, our Savior, forgive us our sins,
remove from us everything that diminishes life and love,
and perfect us in love, that we may be a perfect offering for you.**

Silence for reflection

Forgiveness, full and free, is yours in Christ.

With joy, let us draw water from the wells of salvation.

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 12:1-6

O God, we thank you: for though you were angry with us,
your anger turned away, and you comforted us.

**Surely God is our salvation; we will trust, and will not be afraid,
for God is our strength and our might; God has become our salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Holy One.

**Call on God's name; make known God's deeds among the nations;
proclaim the exalted name of the Righteous One.**

Sing praises to God, who has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

SCRIPTURE READING Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Triumphs of His Grace
music by Gustav Holst and arranged by Stan Pethel

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19

We have journeyed with Jesus and his disciples toward Jerusalem, where he will face the final test—which will not be the end of the story. Knowing the situation, what do you make of the words of warning in this “mini-apocalypse?”

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.’

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

SERMON

What does it mean to be saved?

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 752

Dona Nobis Pacem

*1

Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.

*2

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given. You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given. Protect and guide us on our journey and bless these gifts as we seek to be your faithful stewards, in the name of Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

SUNG RESPONSE GTG 710 We Are an Offering

We lift our voic-es; we lift our hands; we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you. We lift our
voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

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 GTG 340

This Is My Song

*all verses
found on the next page*

*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

ARMISTICE DAY REMEMBRANCE

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

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The CPC Mission Committee is sponsoring a holiday drive to provide gifts to 23 young adults at Gage East Apartments. The committee is asking the congregation to donate money to purchase such items as body wash, shampoo/conditioner, tooth brushes/toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrushes and razors for gift baskets. Such items as bathroom rugs and lamps for apartments also may be purchased.



Money may be dropped off in the church office or put in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to the church and put “Gage East young adults” in the memo line. Please submit donations by Sunday, December 11th. The gift baskets will be wrapped after church on Dec. 11. We’re looking for volunteers to help. Refreshments will be served.

The Gage East project will substitute for Adopt-a-Family, a longtime giving program in which CPC has participated. The congregation has worked with Gage East over the past two years and wanted to provide gifts specifically for the young adults.

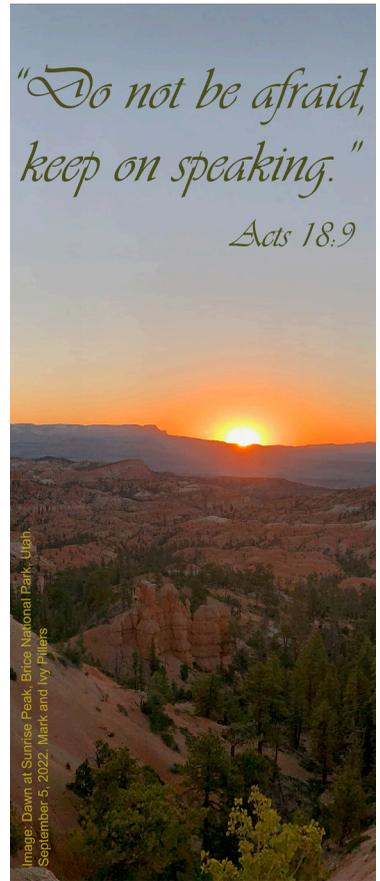
REMEMBER



STEWARDSHIP and D○NUTS!!

Today, is D○NUT SUNDAY!! Also known as the annual Stewardship Sunday. This year, you are challenged to see how many “D○NUT\$ you can add to your 2023 pledge. If a traditional D○NUT cannot be added to your pledge, let the traditional Long John D○NUT guide you. We know that decisions should not be made on an empty stomach, so stay after worship. In addition to the normal operating pledging, we also have an opportunity for Mission directed pledging available on your pledge card. Our tradition of D○NUTS from ○TT○’s Bakery in Byron continues!!

This year’s stewardship theme is “Do not be afraid, keep on speaking.” CPC members and friends should have received a letter and pledge card. If you didn’t, extra stewardship packets are available in the narthex. Please return the pledge card today or this week. Remember, all budget decisions are based on the pledged amounts... so all pledges are important!



Armistice Day Ringing bells for peace

Following worship today, a bell will be rung 11 times as we confirm our commitment to honor veterans.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



December 4, after worship (one meeting and two fun reads for November/ December):

A Christmas Blizzard by Garrison Keillor,
and *A Week in Winter*, by Maeve Binchy
Both are available at church now.

Sunday,
November 27th
is the first Sunday of Advent.
We begin the



theme *From Generation to Generation*. An Advent devotional and an advent calendar will be available in the narthex. **Greening of the church** will happen after worship on the 27th. Plan to stay and participate!

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, November 13

Armistice Day

Stewardship Sunday/ Donut Sunday

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, November 14

1:00 pm Mission Prayer Group

6:00 pm Building Usage: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, November 15

12:00 pm Conference Call *

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 am Prayer Group

7:00 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 17

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, November 20

PW Thank Offering Sunday

9:30 am Worship - 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#

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



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

Ron Murray

*To be added to the prayer list, please
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