

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



February 19, 2023 Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able.
Bathrooms are located down the hall, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, in the light of the sunrise,

we behold your glory.

In the light of the stars at night,

we behold your mystery.

In the light in each other's eyes,

we behold your presence.

In the light of Christ,

we behold your love.

Light of Christ, shine within us.

Holy Spirit, radiate your goodness through us. Amen.


OPENING HYMN GTG 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright


vs. 1, 2, 4



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
to our heart is born; O may we ev - er



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing;
hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our own hearts.
Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our God, we are small and you are great.
You shine with divine light and we are overwhelmed.
Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear,
fill us with your Spirit so we may reflect your light
and share your love, for Jesus' sake.**
Silence for reflection

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, hear the good news;
We are forgiven again and again
and welcomed into God's glorious presence.

Thanks be to God. Amen

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 2 *Adapted from Nan Merrill, Psalms for Praying*

Why do nations and people plot against one another,
setting themselves apart and conspiring against the way of Love?

**They say to themselves, "We are free of God's law;
humility and service are for others."**

The Beloved, who knows all hearts, smiles at their foolishness;
distracted by greed and arrogance, they ignore the Beloved's voice:

**"Awaken, all of you living in darkness!
You live in my Heart as I dwell in yours.**

"For you are mine; I have given you abundant life,
to love and care for all of creation.

**May it be for the delight of all.
Blessed are those who ask forgiveness.
Blessed are those who radiate Love."**

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

CPC Choir

Traditional American Song, adapted and arranged by Kyler Pederson

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

The plan is unfolding; the disciples recognize Jesus as more than an ordinary teacher; he tries to tell them he will not die an ordinary death. They are slow to comprehend this.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Wonder

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 833

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

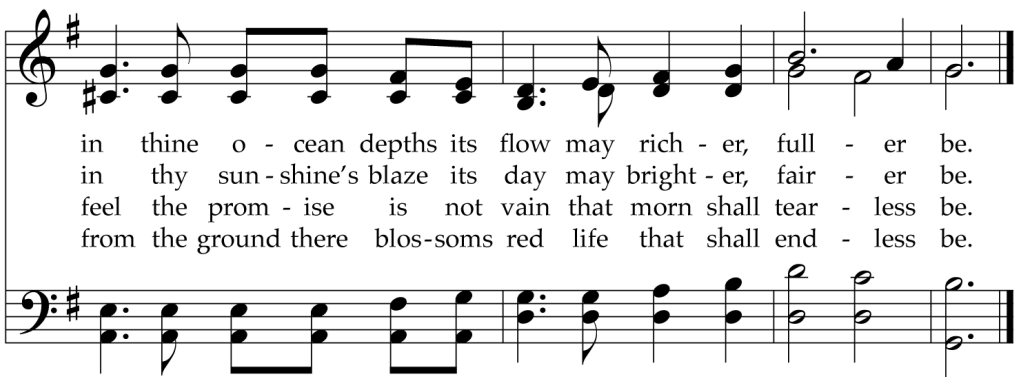
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1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF ELDERS, DEACONS AND OFFICERS

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given the gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant Renunciations

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Let us pray: We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew. By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism, and be thankful. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Constitutional Questions for Officers

Laying on of Hands with prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants, whom you called through baptism as your own, and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living, and rightly govern your people.

Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit, to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith, and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

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 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

all verses



1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did
2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning
3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,



glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,
has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,
God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,



heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,
bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,
sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,



BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
The grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Beloved forever.
As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls us this day:
Follow me. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

During Lent, daily devotions will be available “to expand and deepen your spiritual walk through Lent.” You’ll be able to pick up a devotional beginning Ash Wednesday. The same devotional will be available on our website. Another option is to receive daily messages via text.. Please see the information below about signing up for texts/notifications. There will also be different daily messages on Facebook. Check it out!

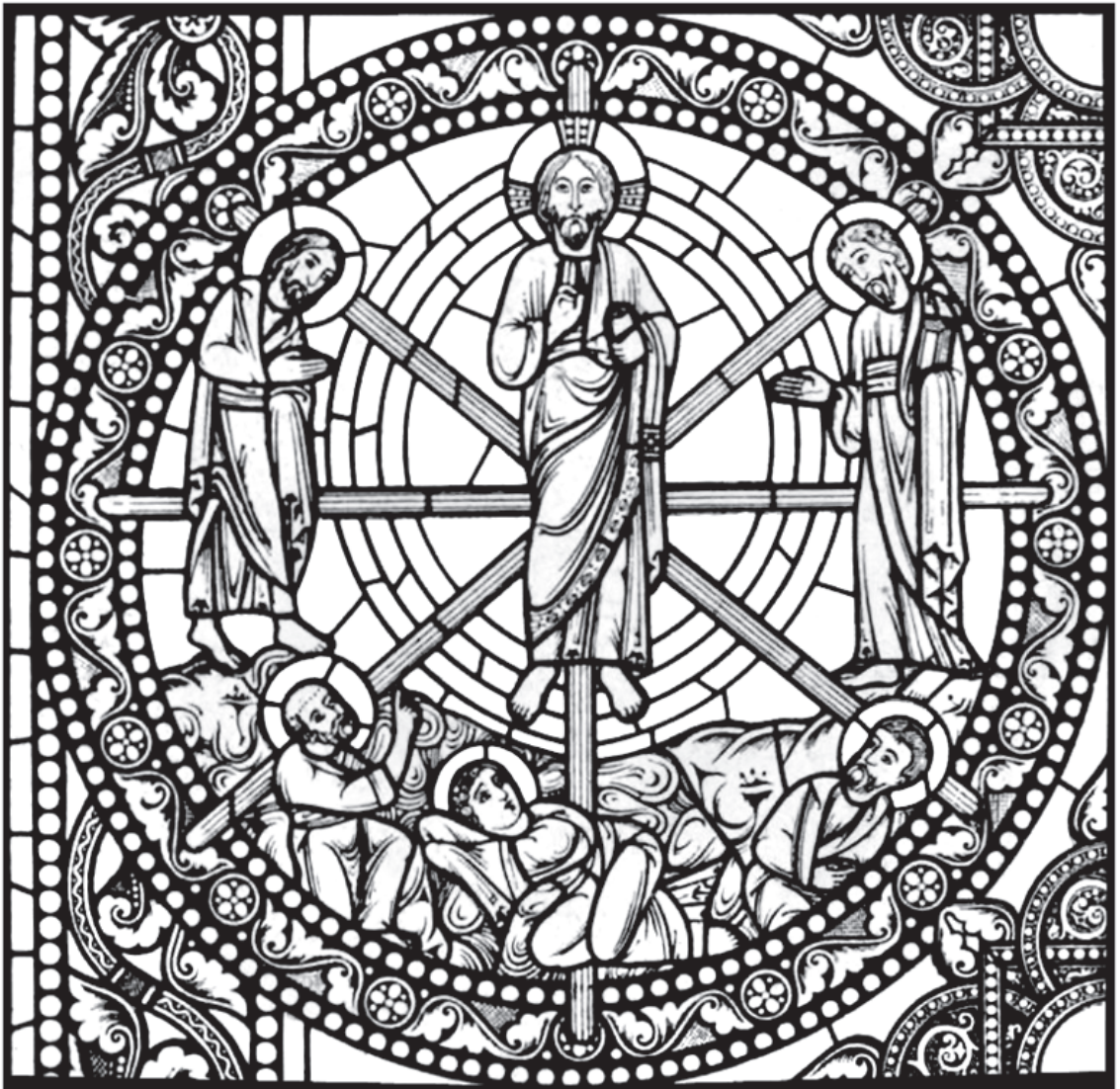


Pick a way to receive messages for Daily Texts:

A) If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/ga2hfb Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You’ll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B) If you don’t have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @ga2hfb to the number 81010. If you’re having trouble with 81010, try texting @ga2hfb to (608) 467-4108. Note: you’ll be asked if you are a student (s) or a parent (p). Choose either one. The application was designed for schools, but will work for our purposes.

If you received daily texts last year, you’re likely still on the list and you don’t need to re-sign up. * Standard text message rates apply.



Find more coloring pages of the stained glass at Chartres Cathedral at <http://colorthebible.blogspot.com/>

Transfiguration Window at Chartres Cathedral

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The Transfiguration Window Coloring pages is from "Color the Bible" by Kathy Grimm.*

Ash Wednesday

Lent opens with a traditional Ash Wednesday Service, February 22 at 7 pm.

Seeking: *Is this the fast that I choose?*

What are you seeking? What is your body, or your mind, or your soul seeking? Where does your seeking overlap with God's seeking? What areas of your life are discordant with what God seeks? God's words to the prophet in Isaiah 58:2 could also be translated as, "Day by day they are inquiring knowledge of me and delighting in my ways." What would it look like for this to be your Lenten quest?

Why not show up for this thoughtful service, gateway to a season of seeking?



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith



Book Discussion Group, Sunday, February 26 after worship

The group will read and discuss *First They Killed My Father: A daughter of Cambodia remembers*, by Loung Ung. "From a childhood survivor of Cambodia's brutal Pol Pot regime comes an unforgettable narrative of war crimes and desperate actions, the unnerving strength of a small girl and her family, and their triumph of spirit."

Books are available from Carol Jones, through the Rochester Public Library "Book Group in a Bag."

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	Mark Neville
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

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Sunday, February 19

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**
Installation of Elders, Deacons
and Officers

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, February 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

6:00 pm Building Usage: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, February 21

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

6:30 am **Prayer Group at Church of Christ**

7:00 pm **Worship - Onsite and Online**

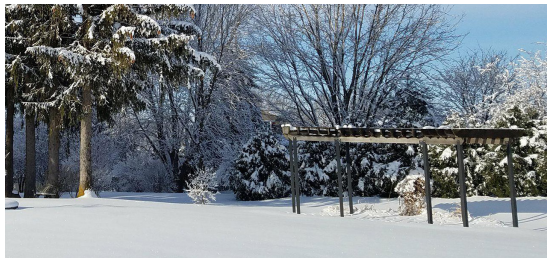
Thursday, February 23

5:30 pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, February 26

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
the family of MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Shannon Cisewski
Judy Robb's brother, Dan
Ron Murray
Dick and Nancy Massaro

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**

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact Pastor Jan at
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*For emergency pastoral care,
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*