



**April 30, 2023**

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

Shepherd of mercy, you provide for us and protect us.

**Shepherd of love, lead us in your way.**

Shepherd of justice, you gather your flock, and care for the lost and neglected.

**Shepherd of love, lead us in your way.**

Shepherd of our souls, you guide us toward your own heart, and we follow.

**Shepherd of love, lead us in your way.**

**In gratitude and trust, we worship you. Alleluia!**

*Query - Where have you met God in gratitude and trust recently?*

\*OPENING HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

vs. 1, 4, 5



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life  
and the desire of our lives,

**whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,**  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all;  
**and whose love, defeating even death,**  
**is our glorious promise of freedom.**

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
**in God we trust.**

In the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others:

**to seek justice and to live in peace,**  
**to care for the earth**  
**and to share the commonwealth**  
**of God's goodness,**  
**to live in the freedom of forgiveness**  
**and the power of the spirit of love,**  
**and in the company of the faithful,**  
**so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen**

## SUNG RESPONSE

This Is the Day

This is the day– **This is the day–**  
That the Lord hath made! **That the Lord hath made.**  
We will rejoice– **We will rejoice–**  
And be glad in it! **And be glad in it.**  
**This is the day that the Lord hath made!**  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**  
This is the day– **This is the day**  
**That the Lord hath made.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, in the beginning was the Word, and all things were created in the Word. All Creation is your Word made flesh. Speak your Word to us now, that our flesh may become your Word. We open our hearts to your presence and your grace. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

*Because of the Spirit-filled preaching of Jesus' followers (now called apostles, or "sent ones"), many came to faith and were baptized. In one day 3000 joined the fellowship.*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 23 - *read altogether*

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

**he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I fear no evil; for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in your house my whole life long.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*We Are Not Alone*  
by Pepper Choplin

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who

came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

MEDITATION

*On Gratitude*

Peggy McCarty and Aaron Simms

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 716      God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture’s won - der, Je - sus’ wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave’s shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ’s age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,  
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother, our Father, giver of life, Holiness of Presence;  
may our hearts always bow to you.  
Your Realm break forth, your delight blossom among us,  
making this earth your heaven.  
Give us each moment our life, our breath.  
Free us from being judged, as we free others from our judgments.  
Guide us safely past our desires and attachments,  
and rescue us from the power of evil.  
For the world is yours; the only real power is yours;  
Creation's splendor is yours, in this present moment, and in eternity. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 647

Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son  
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give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong"  
let the poor say "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
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let the poor say "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

COMMUNAL BLESSING AND CHARGE

*People are invited to remain standing, joining hands in a circle, and bless one another with the Song of Hope (GTG 765)*

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
Singing, share our joy with all.  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

POSTLUDE

<b>Church Staff</b>		<b>Serving in Worship Today</b>	
Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma	Guest Speakers	Peggy McCarty and Aaron Simms
Choir Director	Meg Cain	Liturgist	Sue Chipman
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos	Special Music	CPC Choir
Pianist	Glenna Muir	IT Support	Louis Bouchard
Custodian	Nancy Sanford		
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch		

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# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

**Sunday, April 30**

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Monday, May 1**

10:00 am Mission Prayer Group

**Tuesday, May 2**

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:30 pm Christian Education Committee

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

**Wednesday, May 3**

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm CPC Choir

**Thursday, May 4**

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Saturday, May 6**

Building Use: Piano Recital

**Sunday, May 7**

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny  
Connie Holst  
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa  
Shannon Cisewski  
Ron Murray  
Dick and Nancy Massaro  
The Hall Family  
Larse and June Pillers

*To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact Pastor Jan at  
[pastor@cpcrochester.org](mailto:pastor@cpcrochester.org).  
For emergency pastoral care,  
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

## **Online Worship:**

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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