

Rekindle the Gift

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You have a treasure in you,
a seed of glory planted from stars,
a song written for only you to sing.
You have gifts to give.
The treasure is buried,
and it may take some digging to recover.
The song is forgotten, but still hidden in your bones.
Nothing that happens to you can remove it,
no fear or shame destroy it,
no failure ruin it. It is who you are.
Rekindle the gift.
Listen for the quiet voice, the Spirit of Life singing in you.
Listen... and sing.
Tune your life to its melody.
Let it sing in you, let it sing you into life.
Rekindle the gift that is God within you.
Give God this joy— for it is God who is singing.

May 21, 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

Esto Les Digo

CPC Choir

From Matthew 18:19-20

Kinley Lange

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Despite the world's chaos,

Love is the root of all.

Over and beneath men who fight for power and influence,

Love is the greatest power.

Though death looms and evil prowls,

Christ, risen from the dead, is in every time and place.

God, the God of love, is with us.

We worship in gratitude and joy.

Query: Where did you see God and feel gratitude recently?

*OPENING HYMN

The God of Love Is with Us

tune: All Glory, Laud and Honor

With descant by Jubellation Handbell Choir

Refrain: The God of love is with us, in every time and place.

The risen Christ still calls us; with joy we see his face:

He reigns in gracious splendor, the Lamb upon the throne.

We follow in his footsteps, the flock he names his own. *Refrain*

In love is wisdom granted; in love the seed is sown.

Hearts open to receive him, in love he is made known. *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF MIXED FEELINGS AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Loving God, you sent Christ to us, to love us and lead us.

Alleluia! We are blessed, and we thank you for your love!

But he was crucified at the hand of our own fear and selfishness.

Alas! We are sorrowful, and confess our sin, and ask your forgiveness.

In grace you raised him from the dead.

Alleluia! We are saved! We praise you for your grace!

You have lifted him up into the heavenly places.

Alas! We are afraid, for now we are without him: he has gone away from us again!

You have seated him at your right hand in the realm of power.

Alleluia! Christ rules over everything, over every force that frightens us.

Christ is the head of all things for the church, which is his body.

Alas! Then we must get to work, and risk dying and rising as well!

In Christ you grant us a glorious inheritance, and call us to hope.

**Alleluia! With all our mixed feelings we come to give you our lives,
to follow the crucified, risen and ascended Christ. Alleluia!**

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

Loving God, Creator of all things, you have raised Christ to rule at the heart of the human story, present in all beings, through the Spirit of love to bless us, keep us and lead us in your ways. May your Word may be made flesh again in Scripture, in our worship, and in all our lives and in our living. Open our hearts, God, and speak to us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23

The apostle writes, "I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give

you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 47 *adapted from Nan Merrill, Psalms for Praying*
Clap your hands, people of all nations!
Worship the Creator with songs of joy!

Rejoice in the beauty of diversity.

The Beloved of our hearts is mighty, reigning over all:
Love invites all people to share in creation,

To seek peace and pursue it.

Let the Love that lives in you sing loud praises
And join the star-decked dance of celebration!

Sing praises to the Creator,

Sing praises to the Beloved; let all sing praise.

May leaders of all nations gather as One to walk in peace.
For Earth is made of Love and Light;

Following your will, we are on the path of healing.

We sing songs of gratitude for the Earth, our home;

To you, Great Healer, life of our lives.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* CPC Choir
Arranged by Kyle Pederson

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

SERMON

One who sings prays twice

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified vs. 1, 2, 5



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

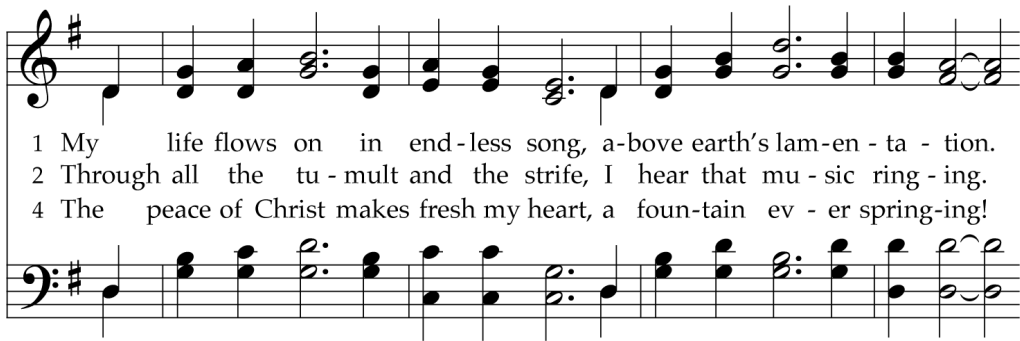
CPC Quartet

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

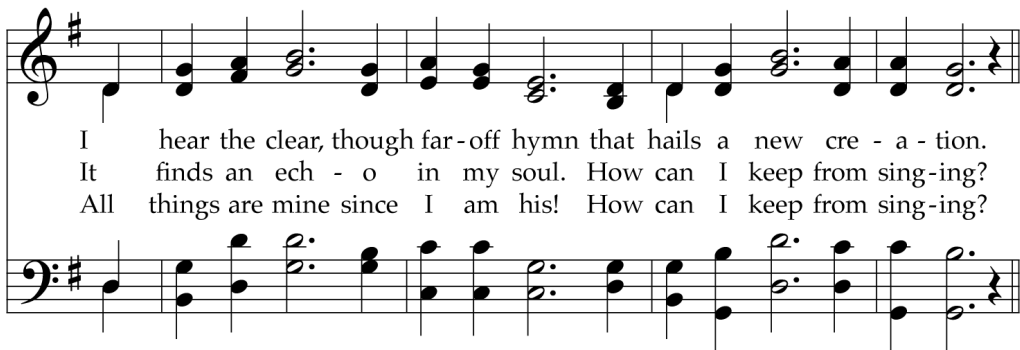
*CLOSING HYMN GTG 821

How Can I Keep from Singing

vs. 1, 2, 4

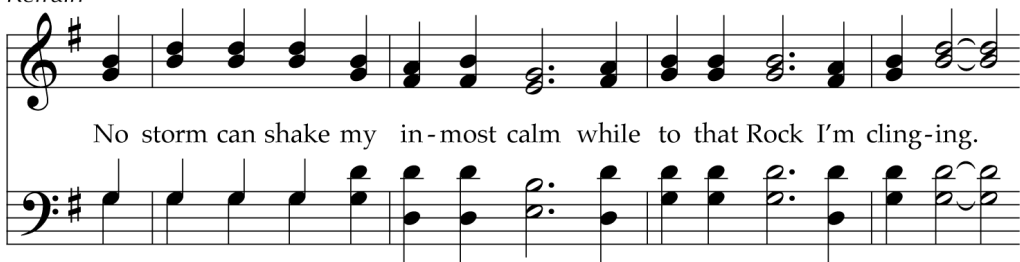


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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

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Church Staff		Serving in Worship Today	
Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma	Liturgist	Mark Neville
Choir Director	Meg Cain	Special Music	CPC Choir
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos	IT Support	Louis Bouchard
Pianist	Glenna Muir		
Custodian	Nancy Sanford		
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch		

Church is about community AND we are COMMUNITY Presbyterian Church. As human beings we often find community when sharing food. Please consider offering your time on Sunday morning by preparing a pot of coffee (and/or a pitcher of lemonade) and sharing some treats. Individually packaged foods are easy and safe for sharing with less worry of infections (and little preparation). See the list below of possible options but know that there are already a few containers in the kitchen (all you need to do is put them out!). Please consider signing up to help create a welcoming community to our members and guests on a Sunday soon! Thanks for helping encourage a welcoming community for all! -Worship & Music Committee

Ideas for individually packaged items:

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| -granola bars | -trail mix packages | -Cracker packages |
| -popcorn/chips/pretzels | -Motts or Welsh fruit snacks | -Cookie packages |
| -raisins/craisins | | |

MUSICIANS YEARS OF SERVICE



Jubellation Handbell Choir	Years	CPC Choir	Years
<i>Judy Kereakos</i>	17	<i>Ivy Pillers</i>	23
<i>Ivy Pillers</i>	17	<i>Bruce Felger</i>	19
<i>Carole Kinion Copeland</i>	13	<i>Carole Kinion Copeland</i>	10
<i>Dave Copeland</i>	13	<i>Mark Neville</i>	11
<i>Bruce Felger</i>	13	<i>Sue Chipman</i>	5
<i>Abby Hall</i>	12	<i>Rev. Jan Wiersma</i>	2
<i>Meg Cain</i>	8	<i>Nellie Brovold</i>	1
<i>Tristan Bohl</i>	5		
<i>Director:</i>		<i>Director:</i>	
<i>Judy Kereakos</i>	15	<i>Meg Cain</i>	9

Pianists	Years
<i>Judy Kereakos</i>	28
<i>Glenna Muir</i>	7

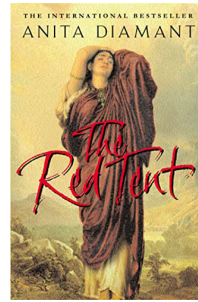
Thank you



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group will meet on May 21st after worship. The selection for May is The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. All are welcome to join in the discussion!



Join us

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR

REV. JAN WIERSMA
JUDY KEREAKOS AND
MEG CAIN

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH
WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM
LUNCHEON FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Sign up in the
narthex or by
contacting the
office!

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RSVP to the office
office@cpcrochester.org or 507-280-9291

In lieu of a gift, please consider bringing a card or sharing a memory.
Pastor Jan has suggested donations to the Gage East library fund
would also be welcome.

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, May 21

9:30 am Worship- Onsite and Online

10:40 am Book Discussion Group

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, May 23

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:30 pm Session Meeting (v)

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, May 25

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost - **Wear Red!**

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

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.*

*For emergency pastoral care,
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Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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