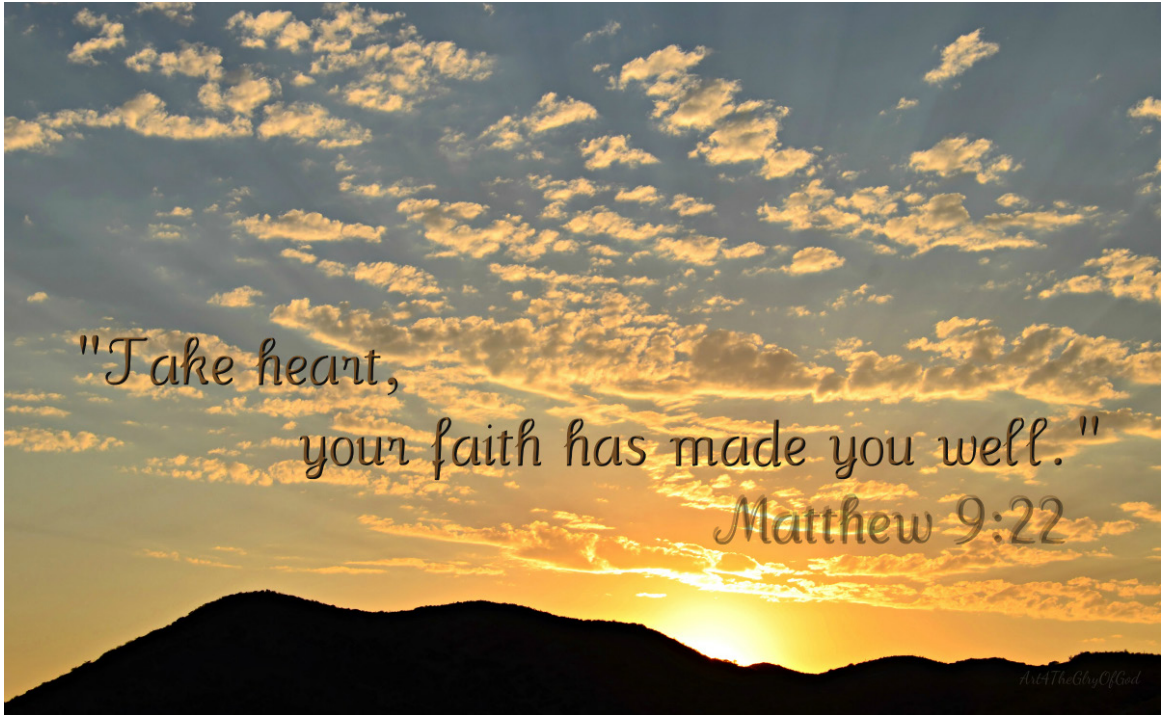


June 11, 2023

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



"Take heart,
your faith has made you well."
Matthew 9:22

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
by William M. Runyan, arr. by Joel Raney

Judy and Mary Ellen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We say we come to worship to be with God,
but the beautiful truth is:
God is already with us.

God is always with us.

So in this time together,
**let us lift our voices in praise
of the loving, ever-present God.**



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Christ came for us in the midst of our sins. Knowing that Jesus meets us where we are, let us offer our prayers of confession.

Merciful God,

we acknowledge our guilt,

and seek your face and your forgiveness.

For we have not offered steadfast love

to you or each other.

We have not moved forward in faith,

but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.

Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you.

rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

Silent Reflection

People of God,

hear and believe the good news:

Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness and new life to all who sin and suffer.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the fire of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to your word, O God. Help us to hear your voice and follow your paths all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Beloved, O you holy ones!

Praise is the grace of the loving.

Praise the Beloved with strings and reeds,

Give praise with dance and leaps; sing a new song, and shout with joyful heart!

For the work of the Creator is truth,
and all creation reflects the faithfulness of the Beloved.

Justice and mercy we render to the Holy One,

To the universe filled with Love Divine

Through Love Consciousness the heavens and earth were created,
And all who dwell on earth by the Creator's breath of Life.

All creation, from the distant stars to the depths of the seas,

Is held together by the Oneness of Love

May all the earth reverence the Beloved, may everyone stand in awe of Love!

For when the Beloved speaks, it comes to pass;

As Love's ways guides and directs, thus, it stands.

Without Love, the nations' counsel comes to nothing, the plans of the people are futile.
The counsel of the Creator is eternal available to every generation.

Blessed are the nations that listen in silence

and make decisions with Wisdom's Counsel.

Blessed are all the people who respond to Love's Way.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to

those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child Judy and Mary Ellen
African-American Spiritual, arr. by Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Carla Nelson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 720 Jesus Calls Us

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 749

Come! Live in the Light!

verses 1 and 2



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice; we are called to
love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-
oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the blessing of the Trinity-
holy, holy, holy Lord -
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said,
“**Here I am; send me!**” Amen.

POSTLUDE



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).

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Carla Nelson
Liturgist	Sherrie Wilson
Special Music	Judy Kereakos and Mary Ellen Malkasian
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

Church Staff

Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

The Psalm is from Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*. The comic is from www.agnusday.org



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 | | |

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Sunday, June 11

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday - Friday

8:00 am-4:00 pm Med City Driving School

Tuesday, June 13

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due for all bulletins through July 2.

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, June 14

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, June 15

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, June 18

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

Bring your lawn chair!!!

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

Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the office via email:
office@cpcrochester.org.*

*Emergency Pastoral Support:
Rev. Carla Nelson: 507-254-1254*



FARM FEST - JUNE 17TH
a Celebration of Food, Art, Recreation and Music
June 17th, 4 - 8 pm at Covenant Church
4950 31st Ave NW, Rochester MN 55901

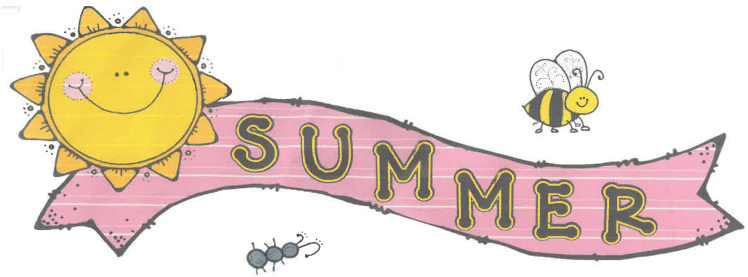
CPC is privileged to have a table at the FARM Fest. Volunteers are needed to answer questions about CPC, hand out brochures, and invite guests to view the community garden at CPC, the Garden of Life and our church. Talk to Sherrie Wilson to sign up for a shift.



Gage East
Summer Party
June 29th

Volunteers are invited to help with the activities!

Please speak to Mark Neville if you would like to be part of this fun event.



Come Join the Summer Fun ...

Thursday, June 29th, 2023

Front Parking Lot
11:30 am to 1:30 pm



Bounce House, Sno-Cones, Cotton Candy, Face Painting, Flapdoodles, Grilled Hotdogs, Chips, Salads, Miniature Therapy Horse, Police and Fire Departments, Public Health, Water Fun, Friends, Bubbles, and more!

