



**The harvest is plentiful,  
but the labourers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of  
the harvest to send out  
labourers into his harvest.**

*Matthew 9.37-38*

**June 18, 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

We come together in the sure knowledge:

**God does not pass us by.**

We gather to worship knowing this truth.

**God fulfills promises.**

Even when we cannot muster belief:

**God is faithful to us.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 336

#### We Gather Together

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears our voices and our supplications. We can call on God in all our joys, doubts, successes, and failures. Knowing that God will listen, let us confess.

**God of our salvation, incline your ear to us.**

**You have given us power:**

**power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore.**

**But we ignore that power;**

**choosing to live our own lives.**

**At worst, we abuse that power,**

**storing up riches for ourselves**

**without an eye for the needs of others.**

**Forgive us.**

**Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news,**

**and to welcome each other as we would welcome you.**

The ancient words still bring truth today:

**While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Praise be to God for this abounding love!

## 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 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

**in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**Praise the Lord!**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Anna Blakesley

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8 .

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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 649

Amazing Grace

vs. 1-3

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

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 611      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee      *all verses*  
    **Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
    God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
    opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**  
  
    **All thy works with joy surround thee;  
    earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
    stars and angels sing around thee,  
    center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
    flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
    call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.**

#### BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, there is work to be done. Jesus still sends us out into the world, to love and serve as the body of Christ. You don't need to pack a bag or bring a change of clothes; God will provide all we need.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us go into the world with God's liberating Word on our lips, until all are free, and all creation reconciled as one beloved community. **Amen.**

#### POSTLUDE

##### Church Staff

Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

##### Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Carla Nelson
Liturgist	Bruce Felger
Special Music	Anna Blakesley
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

#### **To all of the dear friends and partners in ministry at CPC:**

Thank you so very much for the wonderful sendoff you prepared on June 4 for all three of us departing or retiring staff people as well as for Tristan on his confirmation. You really outdid yourselves in generosity, hospitality, and all around love. You will always be precious to me. Keep the faith and keep showing up! -Pastor Jan

#### **Gage East Summer Party June 29th, 11:30-1:00**

Volunteers are invited to help with activities such as bounce house, sno-cones, water fun, bubbles, face-painting and more!

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



# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

**Sunday, June 18**

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday - Friday

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

Office Closed - Stephanie on vacation

**Tuesday, June 20**

12:00 pm Presbyterian Pastor's Lunch

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

**Wednesday, June 21**

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

**Thursday, June 22**

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Sunday, June 25**

**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

## Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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

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*To be added to the prayer list,  
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