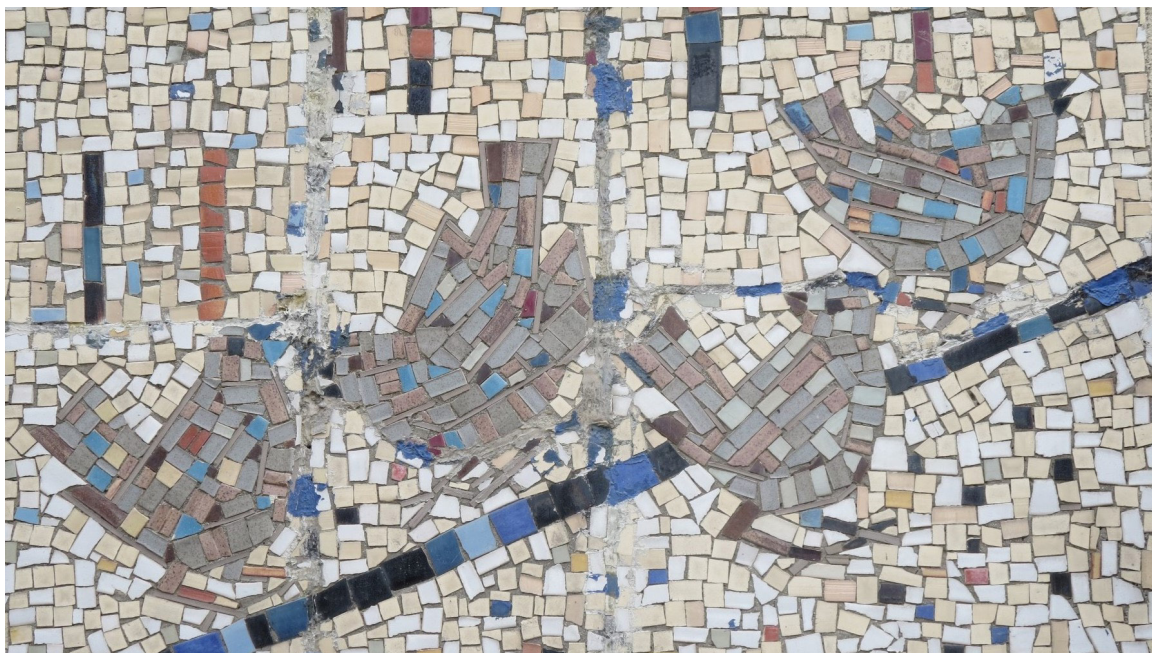


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



June 25, 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

Do not be afraid:

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid:

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid:

God is with us, now and always.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 482

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sion of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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.

Gracious God,
we try to follow your word:
to put others above ourselves,
to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children,
to seek the common good instead of our own interests.
But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us.
We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference.
In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt,
and to our own misguided souls
so that we may follow you once more.

We are united in Christ's life, death and resurrection:
He has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin!

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 69:6-12

Let those who search for You not use me as a guide, O Heart of all hearts;
but those who seek to do your Will
abandon themselves into your keeping, O Loving Counselor.

**For in turning from You have I borne the consequences,
so that doubt and loneliness now companion me.**

I have become as a stranger in my own home, an alien to my inner being.

O, that zeal for your Truth might consume me,
that persecutions assailing me might be for your sake.

Let me humble my soul with mind-fasting;

O Beloved, create within me a clean heart!

Let me live simply, sharing what I have with those in need,
that the abundance of your creation might be reflected!

**Let me speak out of the Silence, that through the words given,
others will learn of You!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bri McDonough

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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 437 You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy *repeat 3 times*



You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!



You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!



You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

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 542

God Be With You

all verses

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:
vide you:
round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
fore you:

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		Serving in Worship Today	
Pianist	Glenna Muir	Guest Preacher	Rev. Carla Nelson
Custodian	Nancy Sanford	Liturgist	Mark Neville
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch	Special Music	Bri McDonough
		IT Support	Louis Bouchard

Three from CPC attended a meeting about small churches on June 7 at Peace Presbyterian Church in St. Louis Park. Mary Meyer, Sue Chipman and Sherrie Wilson met with pastors and elders from the presbytery. They discussed a variety of topics regarding small churches: the big perspective, grants, outreach, connection creation, membership, performing in the face of fear, worship and long-term planning. With connection creation, some churches had a waffle service or mystery dinner. Pastor Elizabeth Shannon mentioned a church that held services every other Saturday and every other Sunday. Some visited other churches. Another item was the opportunity to teach a class -- for example, teach how to fix or repair something, how to make pie crusts, decorate cakes, sewing, painting, etc. The presbytery group will try meeting quarterly.

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Sunday, June 25

9:00 am Quarterly Deacons Meeting

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday - Wednesday

Office Closed - Stephanie on vacation

Tuesday, June 27

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, June 28

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, June 29

11:30 am Gage East Summer Party

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Saturday, July 1

Building Usage: Graduation Party

Sunday, July 2

**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 the office via email:
office@cpcrochester.org.*

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

Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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