

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



August 13, 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

O give thanks to the Lord!

Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!

Remember all the things God has done!

We glory in God's holy name!


See the Lord, our strength and refuge;

we come to be in God's presence.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 336

We Gather Together

verses 1 and 2




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,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We come seeking God's voice, a voice that loves us, cares for us, but also challenges us to do better, to love more fully, and believe more wholeheartedly. Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey.

Holy God,

**it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord,
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts,
to live in a way that puts you first.**

We are quick to trust in idols.

**We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,
instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief,
so that what we confess with our lips
we may truly believe in our hearts.**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions

We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed! Hallelujah!

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 105:1-6, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

**O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down By The Riverside
Shenandoah Christian Music Camp

arr. Moses Hogan

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Walking on Water

Rev. Chris Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 22

God of the Sparrow

verses 1-3



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace



How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAVERS 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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines of each system. The piece concludes with a final double bar line.

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

Today, we welcome Rev. Chris Miller to CPC. Rev. Chris Miller was born in Davenport, Iowa, and grew up in parsonages as a preacher's kid (PK). He graduated from Carthage College (BA, sociology, '71) and then spent three years as a parish youth worker in Appleton, Wisconsin. He attended the ELCA Lutheran seminary in Chicago (LSTC, '75-'79) and was ordained on March 25, 1979. Rev. Miller had served various parishes in Wisconsin, including Kenosha, Rice Lake / Brill, Mineral Point, and Loganville; also served parishes in Iowa City, IA, & Blue Springs, MO.

Rev. Miller retired after thirty-five years in active parish ministry, and 5 years of Interim pastoral work in the Southeast Minnesota Synod. He and his wife, Donna, moved to Rochester in July 2015. Since then he has done Interim work in 3 parishes, and supply preached in approximately 35 different churches in the ELCA's SE MN Synod.

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Sunday, August 13, 2023

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday - Friday

8:00 am Building Usage: Med-City Driving

Tuesday, August 15

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Presby Pastor's Gathering

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, August 16

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, August 17

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, August 20

9:30 am Worship - Outdoors and Online

Bring your lawn chairs!

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles are due

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

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Shannon Cisewski

Ron Murray

Dick and Nancy Massaro

The Hall Family

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