

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4



October 15, 2023

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able.

Bathrooms are located down the hall, past the kitchen, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located across from the kitchen on the right hand side of the hallway (next to the Kidz Klub).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always!

All thanks and praise to God!

Do not worry about anything.

We trust in God who provides for us.

Let the peace of God settle among you.

We will share God's peace with all.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 301

Let Us Build a House



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

From ancient times to now, God’s people have turned away. We are no different: we let fear take hold of us and try to go our own way. Let us be honest about how we have failed to follow God.

**True God from True God,
 we have not built a golden calf,
 but we have worshiped idols.
 We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands.
 We find security in what we can hoard
 instead of trusting your provision.
 We listen to lies that spread hatred and division
 instead of the radical truth of your word.
 Forgive us.
 Melt down our idols until we see only you
 and fix our sight on your away alone.**

God shows us a different way - a way of truth, honor, justice, purity, and excellence. This path is open to all of us if we reach out and accept God’s forgiveness.

Thanks be to God! We will live as God’s people, forgiven and freed.

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Inspire us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 21:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

SERMON

Rev. Carla Nelson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Amanda Ross

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your beloved community of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

*This version of the Lord's Prayer is adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer
He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, influenced by Maori theologians*

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 540

Farewell, Good Friends!

sing twice

Fare - well, good friends! Fare - well, good friends! Sha -
lom, sha - lom! Till we meet a - gain, till we
meet a - gain, sha - lom, sha - lom.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

Amen.

POSTLUDE



On Wednesday, October 18,
the Presbyterian Church of
Oronoco, 20 3rd St. SW, will
be hosting the second Small
Church gathering from 11:30
am until 2:00 pm. The Presby-
tery will provide a meal and
refreshments complements of
the Mission Scholarships and
Grants Committee of the PTCA.
If anyone is interested in attend-
ing, please contact Mary Meyer
by phone 507-884-4508 or email
familymeyer@charter.net. The
deadline to sign up is Monday,
October 16 so Mary can turn in
an accurate count.



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Talk to Bill Marshall, if you have questions!



Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, October 15

- 9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online
 10:30 am Book Discussion Group
 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, October 17

- 9:30 am PW Bible Study
 12:00 pm Presby Pastors Gathering at CPC
 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
 6:30 pm Finance & Stewardship
 7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, October 18

- 6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC
 11:30 am Small Church Gathering

Thursday, October 19 - MEA, no school

- 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Friday, October 20 - MEA, no school

- 12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, October 22

- 9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online
 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

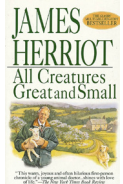


Judy Leal
 Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
 especially daughter Jenny
 Connie Holst
 Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
 Shannon Cisewski
 Ron Murray
 Dick and Nancy Massaro
 Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline

**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**

The book discussion group meets today (October 15) after worship to discuss *All Creatures Great and Small*. Plan to stay!



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Serving in Worship Today

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