



All Saints SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

There is a table placed perpendicular to the altar for candles for our departed loved ones. Candles brought from home may be placed on the table and lit prior to the service or during the prelude (after the announcements).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary from the past week.

We come seeking rest; We come seeking comfort.

Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

**We come seeking God's truth, word and worship
that will set us on the faithful path.**

Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.

OPENING HYMN GTG 326

For All the Saints

vs. 1-3



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Confession requires a humble heart. Let us bow before our God to honestly confess our sins.

God our teacher, we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others.

We assume too much and don't invest enough in listening, learning, and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. Forgive us, soften our hearts and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. Amen.

God, whose good will it is that no sinner should perish, forgives you in the name of Jesus, and remakes you as saints.

“Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

Isaiah 6:7

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

SCRIPTURE READING

I John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Glenna Muir

RESPONSIVE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON

Pastor Julie

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

vs. 1,3,4



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
God and to the Lamb who is the great I
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given. You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each

bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given. Protect and guide us on our journey and bless these gifts as we seek to be your faithful stewards, in the name of Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED ONES

A bell will be rung after each name is spoken.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

We thank you, God, for you create us in your image,
covenant to be our God, and set us free from all that oppresses.

You give us a world, an empire of grace,

to which we belong, that this world can't take from us.

You call us as your saints, and show us the way in Jesus.

You have given us saints, young and old, women and men,

who shine for us with the way of love, who in your Spirit gather with us now.

Therefore we sing with all the saints, with every living being and all Creation.

SANCTUS GTG 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Spirit on us,
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,
poor in spirit and rich in your grace,
loving our enemies, for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name,
may your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us, as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup
until all are served so that we might partake together.*

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, O Take Me as I Am". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

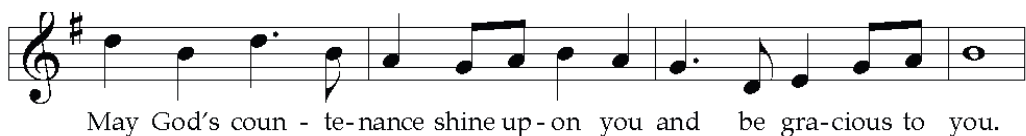
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful - those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 549

May the Love of the Lord



*CHARGE AND BLESSING

We do not leave God behind when we leave this sanctuary.

God's call to love, to humility, to work and service that benefit all, is clear. May this call be ever before us; guiding us, inspiring us, enabling us to be Christ's body - his hands, his feet, his heart - in this, God's world.

May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us all, now and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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A Prayer for God's Transformative Blessings

"Blessed are you, O God,
for you are holy, gracious, and good,
the hope of all the faithful.

Empower the meek and encourage the poor.

Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness.

Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty,
peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful,
and honor to the despised.

Sustain your saints in ministry, until at last they see their reward:

the joy of eternal life with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

*Matthew 5:1-12 in "Prayers for All Saints' Day"
by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),*

Today is All Saints Sunday. We remember those dear to us who guided us in faith and preceded us in death, as well as all others who have passed from this life. The entire service, including communion, reflects our deep gratitude for God's promise of the resurrection and the eternal life that is ours in Christ.

Today, we remember:

Alexander Hall

Hilda Rae Gallup Brovold

Alice Fay Gallup Cloutier

Dan Dunham

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, November 5 All Saints Sunday

Stewardship Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Communion

10:30 am Donut Sunday

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, November 6

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 7

9:30 am PW Bible Study

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, November 9

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, November 12

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

10:40 am CPC Choir Rehearsal

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
 Glenna Muir's sister, Annie

*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

Watch and/or listen for details about a congregational meeting later this month.
 It will be for the purpose of approving the 2024 Slate of Officers.

Church Staff

Bridge Pastor	Rev. Carla Nelson
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Julie Beck
Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Special Music	Glenna Muir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard