

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



April 14, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As one body we have many members,
each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers,
artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ.

With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts
in service to Christ, who makes us one.

Let us glorify the Lord!

OPENING HYMN GTG 394

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,

there is much we must confess:

**When we discount another's pain
or overlook neighbors in distress,
forgive us.**

**When we choose callous words
over compassionate impulses,
forgive us.**

**When we think others less deserving of grace
and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted,
forgive us.**

**Have mercy upon us, Lord,
and heal our brokenness
so that every word and deed
that proceeds from our hearts
might glorify you.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still.
This is the good news that prevails!

In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, we long for our beautiful Word, your living Word who shows us the way. In Scripture and sermon, in silence and song, reveal to us your desires and grant us steadfastness of heart, that we may walk in your truth. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

GOSPEL READING Romans 12:3-8

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This we declare by the Word of the Lord, who died and rose again,
and is coming in glory to reign forever.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Carla

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING

An offering plate is placed near the back of the room to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 322 We Are One in Christ Jesus

We are one in Christ Je - sus, all one bod - y, all one
spir - it, all to - geth - er. geth - er. We share one
God, one might - y Lord, one a - bid - ing faith, one bind - ing
love, one sin - gle bap - tism, one Ho - ly Com - fort - er,
the Ho - ly Spir - it, u - nit - ing all.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

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 649

Amazing Grace

**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.**

* BENEDICTION

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come -
first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega -
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength,
and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



KINDNESS IS
free

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Sunday, April 14

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, April 15

Stephanie out of the office

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

6:00 pm Building Usage: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 am PW Bible Study

12:00 pm Library Use: Presby Pastors Gather

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 am Prayer Group

7:30 pm CPC Choir

Thursday, April 18

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Saturday, April 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

10:45 am Book Discussion Group

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 Massaro and family

Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline

Roland Ronningen and his parents

Building Partners:

Children's Place Preschool

Labranza de Dios

To be added to the prayer list, please contact the pastor: pastor@cpcrochester.org, org or the office: 507-280-9291 or via email: office@cpcrochester.org. Emergency Pastoral Support: Pastor Carla Nelson: 507-254-1254

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