

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

*Love* must be sincere

ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος

**Hate** what is evil

ἀποστουθύντες τὸ πονηρὸν

cling to what is good

κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ

Be devoted to one another

in brotherly love

τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι

Honor one another  
above yourself

τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι

Never be lacking in zeal, but

keep your spiritual fervor

serving the Lord

ἢ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί, τῷ πνεύματι ζεοῦτες τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες

Be joyful in hope

τῷ ἐπιτίθι χαίρουσες

patient in affliction

τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένουσες

faithful in prayer

τῇ προσευχῇ προσήκατε

Share with God's people

who are in need

ταῖς χρείαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦσες

Practice hospitality

τὴν φιλοξενίαν ἀσκουσες

Romans 12:9-13

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Welcome to worship this morning!

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the body of Christ.

**We are many individuals, but together we are one.**

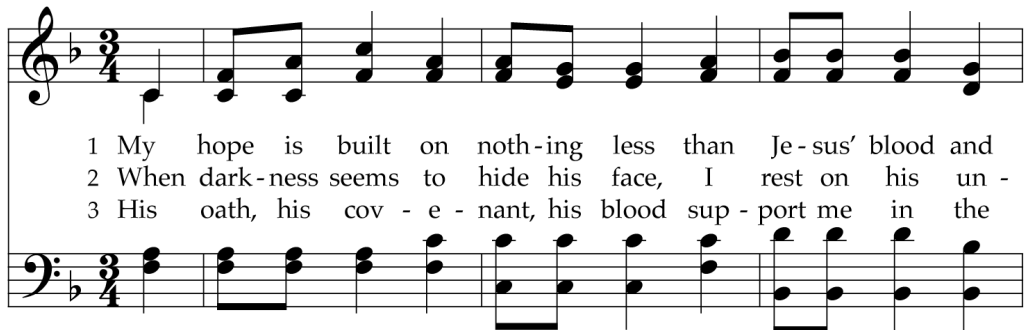
Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,

**but all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah!**

OPENING HYMN GTG 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

vs. 1-3



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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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

**God of all goodness,  
We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.  
We want to focus on the good-  
on the love, the compassion, the care-  
and ignore the bad-  
the greed, the envy, the cruelty.  
But before you, God, we must face it.  
Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.  
Cleanse us.  
Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.**

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 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**His praise endures forever.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Glenna Muir

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

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 824      There is a Place of Quiet Rest




1 There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,  
2 There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
3 There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,




a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.  
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain*



O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,



hold us, who wait be - fore thee, near to the heart of God.

## 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 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly;      Lord, make us more ho - ly;  
2 Lord, make us more lov - ing;      Lord, make us more lov - ing;  
3 Lord, make us more pa - tient;      Lord, make us more pa - tient;  
4 Lord, make us more faith - ful;      Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.  
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.  
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.  
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

\* 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



**Our Annual Spring Fling is set for Sunday, May 5th, 12:00 - 4:00 pm.**

We will be doing spring cleaning and small fix-it jobs around the church. Many hand make light work! Sign up in the narthex. Labranza de Dios, our building partners, will be joining us for the spring fling and providing a meal! Don't miss this important joint event!

**Sunday Volunteers**

Each week, we need a liturgist and fellowship volunteers. Each are important ways to serve and make Community Presbyterian Church feel like the warm and welcoming community that it is! Sign up in the narthex to help out in these ways!



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**Sunday, April 21**

**9:30 am** Worship - Onsite and Online

**10:45 am** Book Discussion Group

**2:30 pm** Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Tuesday, April 23**

**6:00 pm** Session Meeting

**7:00 pm** Building Use: Mission Aid Network

**Wednesday, April 24**

**9:00 am** Prayer Group

**7:30 pm** CPC Choir

**Thursday, April 25**

**5:30 pm** Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Sunday, April 28**

**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 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](mailto:pastor@cpcrochester.org).  
org or the office: 507-280-9291 or via  
email: [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org). Emergency  
Pastoral Support: Pastor Carla Nelson:  
507-254-1254*

## Church Staff

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Bridge Pastor  | Rev. Carla Nelson |
| Music Director | Jennifer Taylor   |
| Pianist        | Glenna Muir       |
| Custodian      | Nancy Sanford     |
| Office Manager | Stephanie Pasch   |

## Serving in Worship Today

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Liturgist     | Jane Burgstaler |
| Special Music | Glenna Muir     |
| IT Support    | Louis Bouchard  |