

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



**May 15, 2022**

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*written by Rev. Jeff Schlesinger, Ruth Ivory-Moore,  
Pat Almonrode, Rev. Sarah Locke, Henry Huntington*

O God, you have claimed us in baptism through the waters of Creation:  
**we join the Atlantic and Pacific, the Great Lakes and the Caribbean  
in giving you thanks and praise.**

O God, you have called us to live in unity and love with our neighbors:  
**we join in worship with all creatures  
that walk, crawl, slither, fly, or swim.**

O God, you nourish the earth with water and snow, and till the soil with frost and thaw:  
**we come before you to be cultivated by your Word.**

O God, the planets and solar systems and galaxies belong to you:  
**we come before you with great humility,  
amazed that you are even mindful of us.**

#### OPENING HYMN

Healing Is Flowing

*Tune: Morning Has Broken*

**Healing is flowing, deep in the waters,  
healing from Eden, flowing from old;  
all through creation, God sends forth water,  
oceans of healing, for all the world.**

**Healing is rising, fresh with the morning,  
healing is rising, bursting with grace;  
Christ, as you surge from deep in creation,  
heal earth's deep wounds and rise in this place.**

**Healing is breathing, life from the Spirit,  
healing is breathing, making us whole;  
breath of the Spirit, blow through our churches,  
come, heal our people, body and soul.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Rev. Adrienne Strehlow*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forms the Earth,  
redeems all Creation, and sustains life.

**Amen.**

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
in the beginning when the Earth was formless,  
your Spirit swept over the waters.

You spoke, and the wind of your Word fashioned order:  
darkness and light; sea and sky and soil;  
sun and moon; birds and fish; creatures, plants, and people;  
and with a word, you took delight.

**You looked upon your Creation and called it good.**

*Kaylie Ines*

After you poured out the floods of judgment,  
you set your bow in the clouds,  
a promise to every living creature that water is life.  
You spoke, and the sky sang with all the colors of your covenant:  
for cardinals and foxes, bumblebees and tortoises, Noah and his family,  
and all descendants of your first act of redemption.  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

**We marvel at your Creation, for it is good!**

*Rev. Sandi Olson-Decker*

At Jacob's well, the woman from Samaria  
witnessed the water of eternal life from your beloved Son.  
In baptism, your Spirit brings water to life.  
You speak, and your children are born  
from the womb of your mercy.  
You wrap us in the grace of your never-ending love  
and raise us to share that love with all you have made.

**You look upon your Creation and call us good.**

*Heidi Ann Michelsen*

Forgiven in the waters of baptism,

**We praise you, Creator of all things.**

**We worship you, Redeemer of all that lives.**

**We serve you, Sustainer of your people in every land. Amen.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Rev. Gabriel Morgan*

Source of All, throughout your good creation we hear resurrection: percussive spring rains; the hymnody of birds; silent explosions of bursting buds. Yet we also see your wounded hands in the clotted sea, the bleeding sky, and the lacerated earth. Open our ears with renewed awe for the splendor that unfolds around us and renewed compassion for your cries for help. Then calm our fears and fill us with your peace, that we, too, might become your risen body, overflowing with grace to transform and renew, until together with all that you have borne, we join in one great anthem of New Life. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 148

*from The Iona Community*

Praise God! Shout your praises from the heavens,  
Declare them from the heights.

**Sing praises, all you angels and heavenly beings,  
Sing praises, sun and moon, and glittering stars.**

Praise God, you highest heavens,  
You waters above the heavens.

**Praise the name of God who called you forth,  
Who established you forever and ever.**

Shout praises, all the earth,  
sea monsters and all depths.

**Fire and hail, snow and frost,  
storm winds, fulfilling God's word.**

Mountains and all hills, orchards and cedars,  
You beasts, both wild and tame, reptiles and birds.

**Monarchs of earth and all people,  
Rulers and judges of every land.**

Women and men, young and old,  
Praise the name above all names,

**Whose splendor is above the earth and heavens,  
Giving strength and hope to the people!**

READING     On Christ in Creation     From Richard Rohr, *Daily Meditations*, April 24-25

Every resurrection story found in the Gospels affirms an ambiguous—yet certain—presence of the Risen Christ in very ordinary settings, like walking on the road to Emmaus with a stranger, roasting fish on the beach, or looking like a gardener to Mary Magdalene. These moments from Scripture set a stage of expectation and desire that God's Presence can be seen in the ordinary and the material, and we do not have to wait for supernatural apparitions. The core message of the incarnation of God in Jesus is that the Divine Presence is here, in us and in all of creation, and not only "over there" in some far-off realm. When Jesus spoke the words "This is my Body," I believe he was speaking not just about the bread right in front of him, but about the whole universe, about every thing that is physical, material, and yet also spirit-filled.

SPECIAL MUSIC

**Congregation**, *following directions of the choir*  
*The last time through, the final line is repeated,*  
*more softly until only natural sounds remain.*

Where we walk is holy; **Where we walk is holy**  
Sacred is the ground. **Sacred is the ground**  
Forest, mountain, river; **Forest, mountain, river**  
Listen to the sound. **Listen to the sound**

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

*At Jesus' last earthly supper, after washing his disciples' feet, he leaves them with one final gift: love for one another.*

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Christ in Creation*

Pastor Jan Wiersma

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 205

Ubi Caritas

*repeat as directed*

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.  
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.  
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

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### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

*Clerk of Session:* On behalf of the session, I present Shannon Cisewski, who has been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

**With the whole church, let us confess our faith:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PROMISES AND PRAYERS**

### **WELCOME**

Clerk of Session: Let us welcome Shannon as she joins with us in the worship and mission of the church:

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God, our Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** Every Part of This Earth Be to My People Holy  
*This song is repeated with movement, to the four directions.*



**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May you be at peace with Christ, our savior and our ruler.

May you be at peace with all that is wounded in you.

May you be at peace with all people, and all Creation.

May we all be at peace with those who oppose us  
as we resist injustice.

May the Spirit be at work in your life  
as you go forward from this day.

In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, May 15**

**9:30 am** Worship (Onsite and Online)

**12:30 pm** Spring Fling

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

**Monday, May 16**

**6:30 pm** Worship and Music Committee

**Tuesday, May 17**

**12:00 pm** Conference Call \*

**5:30 pm** Finance & Stewardship Committee

**Wednesday, May 18**

Office Closed

**6:30 am** Prayer Group

**7:00 pm** CPC Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 20**

**12:00 pm** Newsletter Articles Due

**Sunday, May 22**

**9:30 am** Worship (Onsite and Online)

**10:30 pm** Book Discussion Group



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny and  
Ed's mother, Helen

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughters,  
Teresa and Carla

Margie Petersen

***To be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 507-280-9291 or via email [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).***

***For emergency pastoral care, call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Tom Isaacson
Liturgist	Dave Copeland
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Bruce Felger

**Online Worship:** Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

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**Annual Spring Fling**  
**May 15 12:30-3 pm**

**TODAY!**

**All Hands on Deck!**

Help give our church some cleaning TLC both inside and out!  
Check out the newsletter for a list of some of the chores for the day!

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



**The Book Discussion Group will meet Sunday, May 22 after worship.** The group will discuss both *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery and *Women in White Coats* by Olivia Campbell. Each book is interesting to read and will be fun to discuss! All are welcome to join in!

