

Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



overcome evil with
GOOD

April 28, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

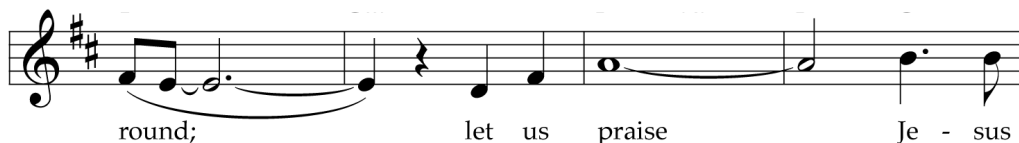
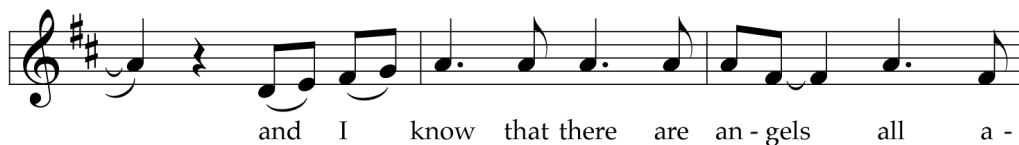
Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN GTG 406

Standing on Holy Ground



CALL TO CONFESSION

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts.
We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let us be no longer bound by sin, but release, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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 106: 1-2, 4-5

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord
or declare all his praise?**

Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help us when you deliver them,

**that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that we may glory in your heritage.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn Sing

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 749

Come! Live in the Light!



1 Come!	Live in	the light!	Shine with the
2 Come!	O - pen	your heart!	Show your
3 Sing!	Sing a	new song!	Sing of that



joy and	the love	of the	Lord!	We are	called
mer - cy	to all	those	in fear!	We are	called
great day	when all	will be	one!	God will	reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

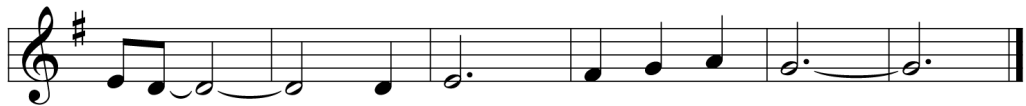
Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with 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 Mother and Father in heaven, holy be your name.
Impose your reign that we may do your will, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today this one day's bread.
Forgive our wrongs as we forgive those who do wrong against us.
Save us from our temptations and keep us from doing evil,
For the Realm, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 726

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

* 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. Both 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 or by emailing Stephanie (office@cpcrochester.org) to help out in these ways!



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Sunday, April 28

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, April 30

Pastor Carla - out of the office

9:30 am PW Bible Study

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 am Prayer Group

7:30 pm CPC Choir

Thursday, May 2

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am Worship with Communion

- 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.
org or the office: 507-280-9291 or via
email: office@cpcrochester.org. Emergency
Pastoral Support: Pastor Carla Nelson:
507-254-1254*

Church Staff

Bridge Pastor

Rev. Carla Nelson

Music Director

Jennifer Taylor

Pianist

Glenna Muir

Custodian

Nancy Sanford

Office Manager

Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

Peggy McCarty

IT Support

Louis Bouchard

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I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.