

I've been
meaning
to ask...

where are you from?

June 16, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

OPENING HYMN GTG 286

Breathe on Me

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

If we were to call the prayer of confession by another name,
I would call it a moment for truth telling—
A moment to pause, to reflect,
to be honest about the places we want to grow
and the way we need God's help.

Family of faith, there is power in honesty.
So pray with me. We worship a loving and gracious God.

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.

Can anything good come from that side of town?

From a school with poor test scores?

From a criminal history?

From the opposite political party?

From a history of addiction?

From a faith with doubt?

From a church with faults?

Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times.

**Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there,
but as the expansive grace that it is.**

Can anything good come from there?

Yes. Always yes. Amen.

Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself,
"Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?"
Remember this: God is always whispering, "Yes."

You were created in the image of God.
Your origin story is one of goodness and love from the very beginning.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God is here. God is at work among us.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, I don't always know how to pray, but you find me anyway.
I don't always know how to listen, but you are in my ears all the same.
I don't always know how to believe, but you surround me with beauty and
I find myself held together in love.
Where I come from there are so many distractions.
Where I come from there is so much noise.
Find me. Hold me. Be in these words. Help me hear.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2: 4b-15

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Thou Fount

Nellie, Mark and Judy

Words by Robert Robinson, Text by John Wyeth, Arranged by Craig Courtney

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,

“What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Carla

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jesus told the disciples, “Come and see.” Come and see the healing that is about to take place, the meals at the Table, and the little ones who will run to me. Come and see the prisoners freed, the hungry fed, and the demons cast out. Come and see the crowds and the walking on water and the prayers in the garden. Come and see!

Friends, we are being invited to come and see a deeper life of faith. One of the ways we can say yes is by giving what we have—time, money, and/or our talents. So let us say yes to this invitation of faith together. Let us give our tithes and offerings. Amen.

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.



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. 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 518

Your Only Son

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*BENEDICTION

Family of faith,
as you leave this place, may God grant you
the curiosity to counter assumptions,
the vulnerability to befriend,
the bravery to speak your truth,
the wisdom to listen,
the strength to ask for help,
the resiliency to chose love, even when it's hard,
and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.
In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself,
go in peace.

POSTLUDE

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Your Only Son

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

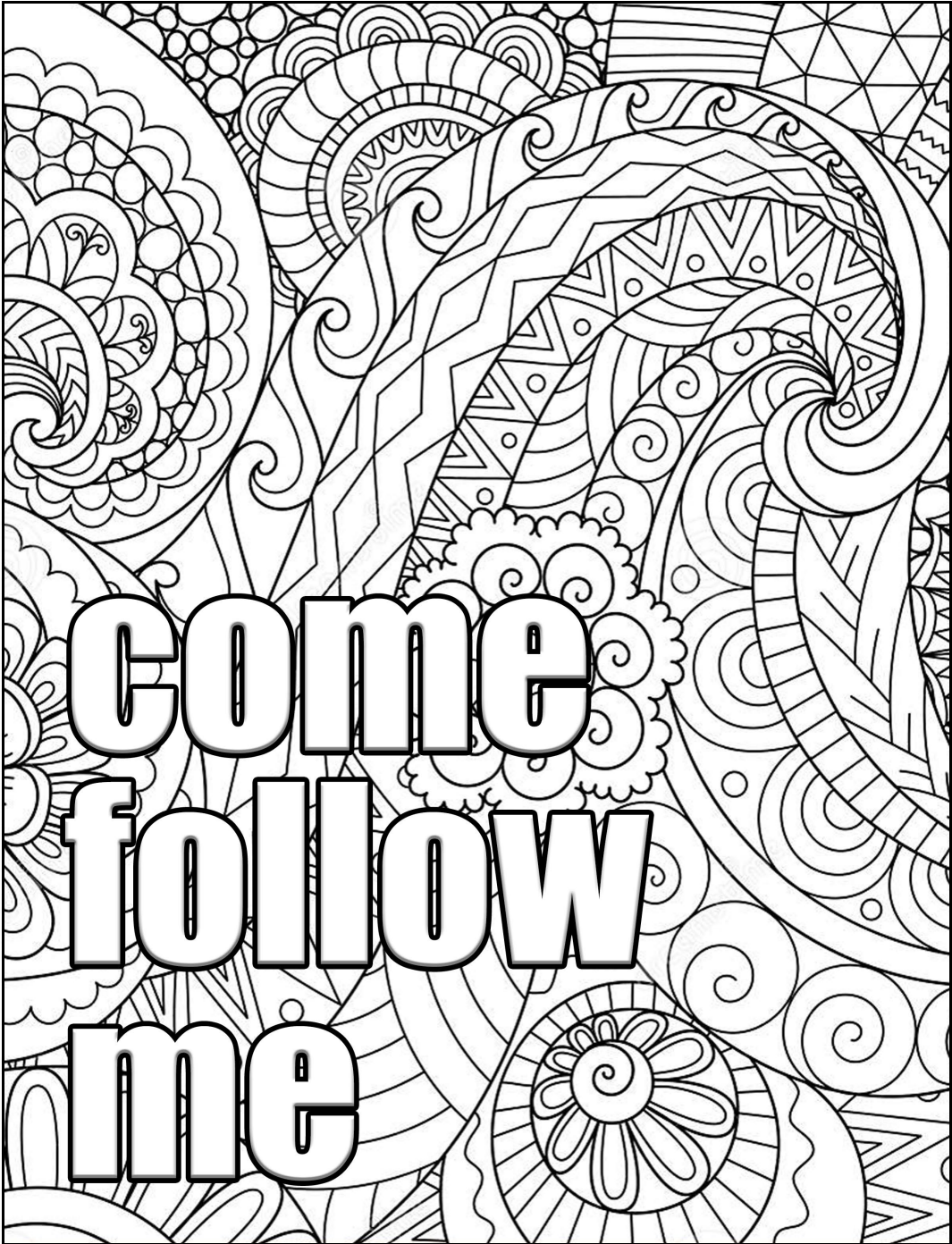
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, June 16

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**
 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, June 18

12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are Due
 5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee
 7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, June 19

9:00 am Prayer Group

Thursday, June 20

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Saturday, June 22

Building Usage: Private Party

Sunday, June 23

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**
 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

The Gage East Summer Party is scheduled for June 27 from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. They would appreciate it if CPC could provide 6-10 volunteers to help serve food and assist with the activities. Please contact Mark Neville to sign up.



Judy Leal
 Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
 especially daughters Jenny & Elissa
 Connie Holst
 Vera Atkinson, Karen and Pastor
 Carla and their family
 The family of Ron Murray
 Dick Massaro
 Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline
 Roland Ronningen and his parents
 Mary Alice Richardson

To be added to the prayer list, please contact the pastor: pastor@cpcrochester.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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	Mark Neville, and Judy Kereakos
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