

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



September 29, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!
Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response,
* indicates please stand, if able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Kum by Yah

Katelyn Peters & Jennifer Taylor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place seeking to live in faithful community and asking God to guide us.

Lord, revive our souls,
that we might lift each other up.

Lord, revive our souls,
that we might order our communities in ways that lead us toward love.

Lord, revive our souls!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, give us each wisdom to recognize our part in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth. May those in positions of power use their influence for the benefit of all. May those with the knowledge to heal give freely of their gifts. May those with imagination work to enact justice. May we all join in telling the world of your work among us. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise". It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
 be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand.

You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.

You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.

You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned.

Forgive us, O Rock.

Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another.

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13–20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace

Katelyn Peters & Jennifer Taylor

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38–50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

Thanks be to God.

TOWN HALL

Session

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

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 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for you have chosen the poverty of the world
to make your people rich in faith.
Help us to put our faith into practice
through the offering of our lives—
giving food to the hungry,
clothes to the naked,
and shelter to the poor;
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
your Word made flesh. 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 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases marked with slurs. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

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***BENEDICTION**

The blessing of the one God— Spirit, Son, and Father—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Ephesians 4:4-6

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *When the Saints Come Marching In* Katelyn Peters & Jennifer Taylor



Today we welcome Katelyn Peters to CPC!
Katelyn is a fifth grader at RCLS. She has taken
clarinet lessons from Jennifer for a year and a
half. She lives with her parents, brother, sister
and their dog, Bear in northwest Rochester.

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Sunday, September 29

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, October 1

9:30 am PW Bible Study

12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 am Prayer Group

7:00 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, October 6

Peace and Global Witness Offering to be collected, World Communion Sunday

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 daughters Jenny & Elissa

Connie Holst

Dick Massaro

Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline

Frank Jones

Sage Hall

Sue Chipman's friend, DeBe Bramley

Rev. Jan Wiersma

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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	& Jennifer Taylor
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