

Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



October 20, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's greatness is beyond our understanding,
yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

God raised mountains above the depths;

let us gather in wonder before them.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

No one can compare to you, O God.

Human language cannot fully describe you.

Still, you became human,

and with words we could understand

you called us to serve one another

and showed us love even to death.

Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith,

that we may all, in our own ways,

offer ourselves to one another. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery
2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it,



rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened;
sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us,
be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us
On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er,



you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren,
know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our
whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us;
one - in - three and three - in - one. We would share your



gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death, ris - en
aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

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.

O Lord, you have taught us

**that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant,
and whoever seeks to be first
must be last and servant of all.**

**Still, O Lord, we are like James and John,
seeking seats of glory.**

**We organize our lives around ladders to climb,
not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way,
for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

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

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

**no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jennifer and Glenna

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I

am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives and our offerings 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 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

verses 1,2,4,6

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with the first line of music corresponding to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The lyrics are: "1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you".

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
(repeat stanza 1)

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To you, O God, we offer our lives— our abundance, our poverty,
 all that we have, all that we are—
 a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace.
 Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remembering the world that God so loves, we pray to the Maker of heaven and earth,
 saying: Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

We pray for the church . . .

Strengthened by your Spirit, enable us to share the baptism of Christ's suffering and death
 and the cup of his new covenant. Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

We pray for the world . . .

Hear the prayers and supplications of your people throughout the earth
 who cry out to you for deliverance. Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

We pray for loved ones . . .

Help them to know the presence of Christ in all their afflictions and infirmities; out of their anguish, let them see light. Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

We pray for this community of faith . . .

Give us the spirit of humble service, not lording power over one another, but working together for the good of all.

We invite you to name your prayers for this community.

Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

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 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

verses 1, 2, & 5

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -
me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
at my need his life did spend!
all my days could glad - ly spend.

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***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

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!**

Revelation 1:8

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.**

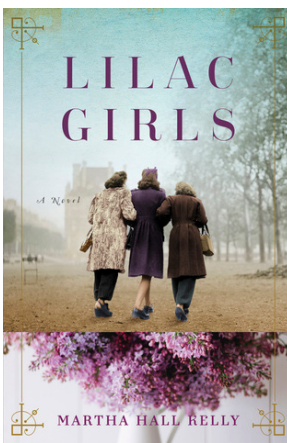
Mark 12:29-31

POSTLUDE

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Today, the book discussion group will talk about *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly after worship. All are welcome to join in on the discussion about this book and the Polish Resistance Movement during WWII.



Don't miss worship next Sunday as we say "farewell" to our Bridge Pastor Carla! Thank you for all you have given to Community Presbyterian Church!

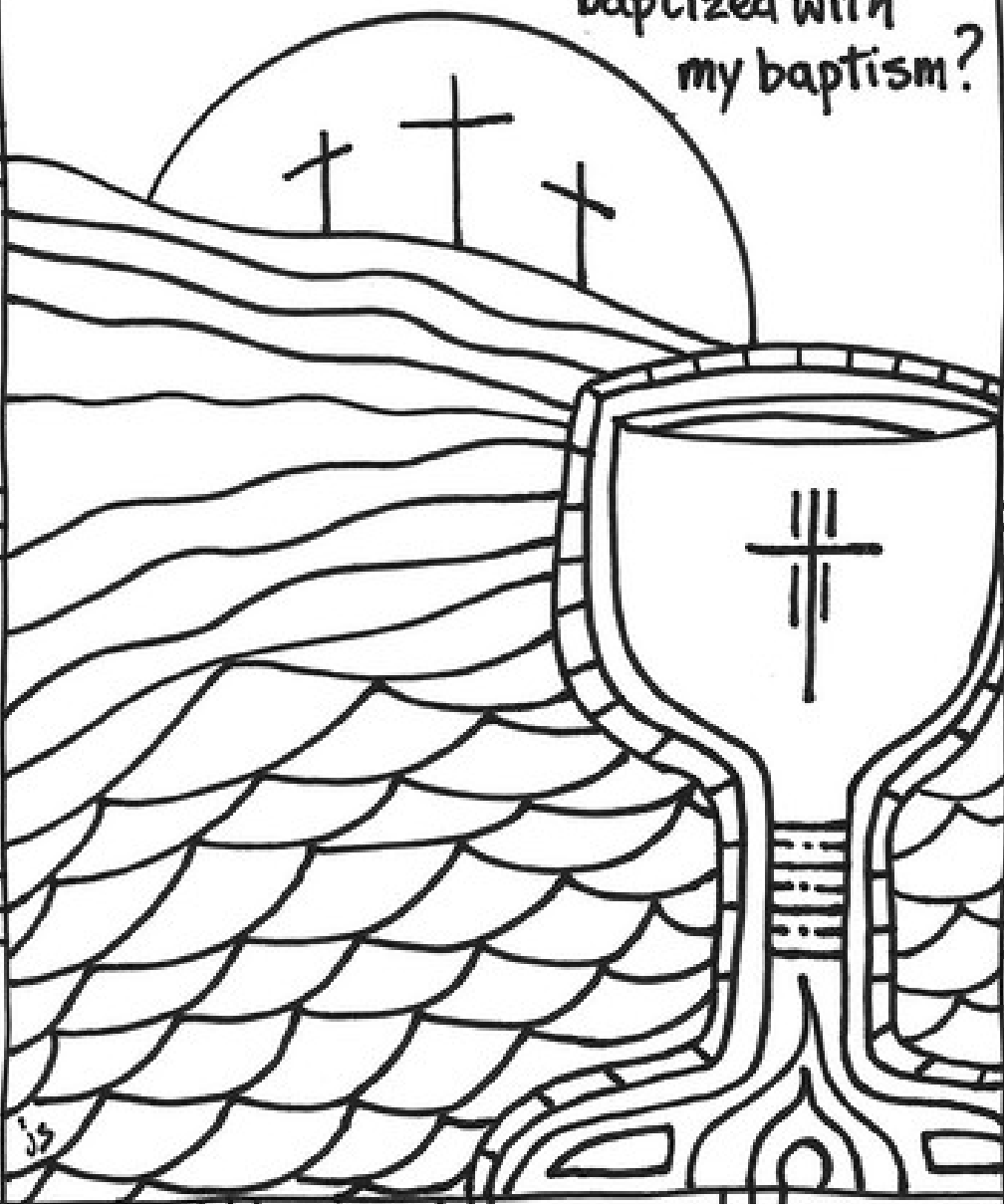
A decorative border for a Halloween party announcement. It features a black silhouette of a tree on the left, a black silhouette of a cat with red eyes on the right, and several orange jack-o'-lanterns. The background is white with orange and black patterns, including a spiderweb and a sun/moon symbol.

Gage East Halloween Party
4:00 - 5:30 pm
Tuesday, October 22

Gage East requests that we provide 3-5 volunteers to help hand out halloween buckets, glow sticks and wrist bands, and assist with anything else we can. The nursing students from Winona State will be Trunk-or-Treating in the parking lot.

To volunteer, please email Mark Neville (maneville1950@gmail.com) or the office (office@cprochester.org).

Can you drink the cup I drink, or be
baptized with
my baptism?



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Sunday, October 20

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

10:40 am Book Discussion Group

12:00 pm Items for the Newsletter are Due!

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, October 21

9:30 am Mission Bible Study

Tuesday, October 22

12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are due

4:00 pm Gage East Halloween Party

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 am NO Prayer Group

6:45 pm Jubellation Handbell Choir

7:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, October 27

9:30 am Worship - 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
 Sue Chipman's friend, Carla

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Serving in Worship Today

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