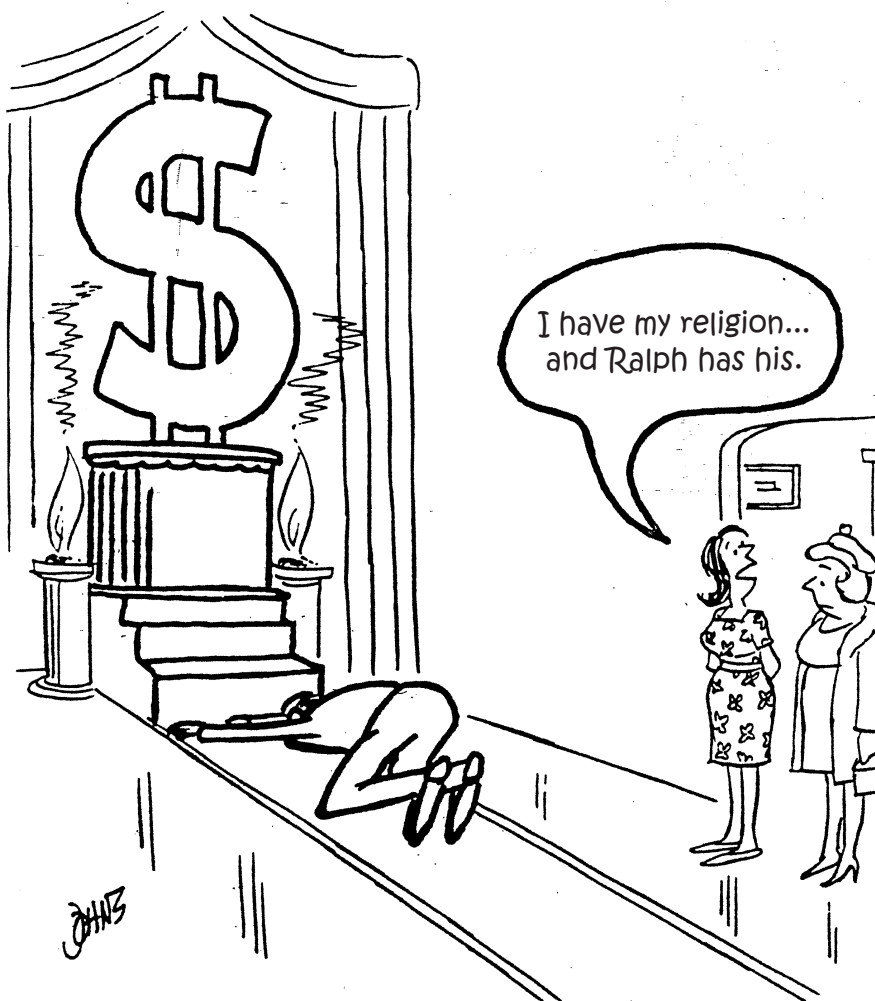


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



September 21, 2025

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember, O people, the needs of the poor
and the suffering of the downtrodden,
and hold to account all who are in high positions,
**for God our Savior desires everyone to know
the truth that they are loved.**

God will raise the poor from the dust
and make them sit with princes.

**So let us offer supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings for everyone,**
for the Lord is high above all nations,
yet nothing is below God's notice.

**There is one God;
and in Christ Jesus one mediator between God and humankind,
who gave himself a ransom for all.
Praise the Lord!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Great God, maker and reconciler of the earth and all that dwells here, champion of the poor, who humbles the proud, draw all people into new unity with you. May we know to whom we belong and act faithfully to care for what you have entrusted to us. Help us all, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 697

Take My Life

verses 1-3

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom for all who fall short of the goodness of God.
 Trusting in God's mercy, let us turn to God and make our confession.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are too concerned
 with our own peace.**

**We seek the comfort of silence,
 and ignore the cries of the oppressed.**

**We are inwardly focused,
 missing your call
 to serve the world in justice and love.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Equip us to fulfill your will for a world
 in which all know dignity
 and all are treated with equity,
 as your beloved children.**

God our Judge is also our Savior. The good news is sure:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Is So Good

CPC Choir

By Douglas E. Wagner, Based on the traditional tune

*God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, he's so good to me!*

He answers prayer...

*The Lord is good and ever blesses us;
The wonders of his works proclaim his greatness.
He loves and cares for us, he's always at our side;
The Lord is good we are his own.
The Lord is good and ever blesses us.
The wonders of his works proclaim his greatness.
He loves and cares for us, he's always at our side;
The Lord is good, we are his own.*

*I love the Lord, I love him so...
God is so good!*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1–13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

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 door to the church to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 792 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

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. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY GTG 697

Take My Life

verse 4

**Take my silver and my gold;
 not a mite would I withhold;
 take my intellect and use
 every power as thou shalt choose,
 every power as thou shalt choose.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us,
 let us make our prayers of intercession for all,
 saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother 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 GTG 708

We Give Thee But Thine Own

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We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is 4/4.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The Lord bless and keep your going out
and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

Psalm 121:8

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer,
do the work of the gospel, and carry out the ministry
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 4:2, 5; Luke 18:1

POSTLUDE



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Tuesday, Sept. 23 (All Day)

Sorellina's Restaurant will donate 25% of food sales. Be sure to mention this fundraiser.

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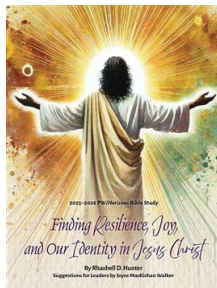
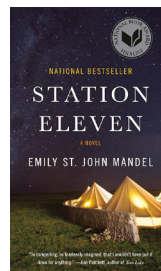
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The Book Group will resume today. They will read *Station Eleven* by Mandel, Emily St. John. For more information, check out the September Newsletter. Join in the discussion of this interesting book!



The PW Bible Study for 2025-2026 will begin on Tuesday, September 23 at 9:30 am. PW will meet every other week for 5 times this fall, and then do the remainder of the study in the spring. Study books have been distributed. If you have questions, talk to Mary Alice!



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Sunday, September 21

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**

10:45 am **Book Discussion Group**

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, September 23

9:30 am PW Bible Study

7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

7:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 am NO Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, September 28

9:00 am **Quarterly Deacons Meeting**

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughters Jenny & Elissa
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline
Jennifer Hall and Sage Hall
Amy Ward and family
Sherrie Wilson
Vera Atkinson

To be added to the prayer list, please contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email: office@cpcrochester.org.

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Christopher Miller
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