

**September 7, 2025**

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us sit at Christ's feet, like his servant Mary,

**Many: And learn from the teachings of our Lord.**

One: Let us serve Christ with eagerness, like his servant Martha,

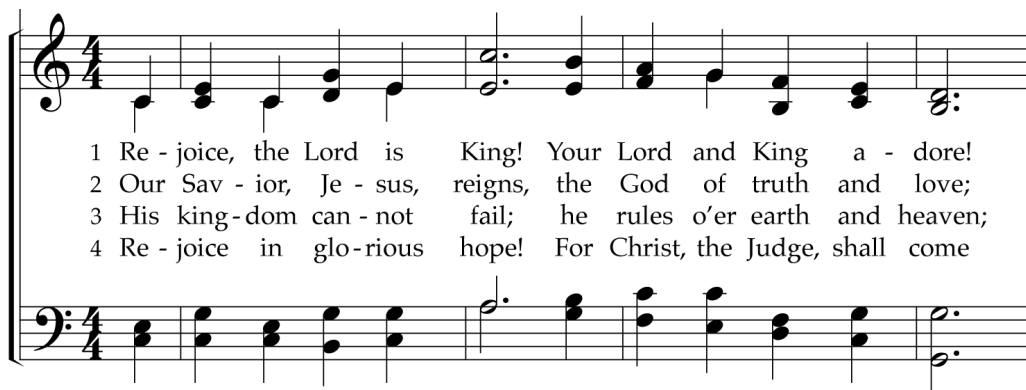
**Many: And share God's hospitality with all in need.**

One: Let us share God's good news, like the prophets,

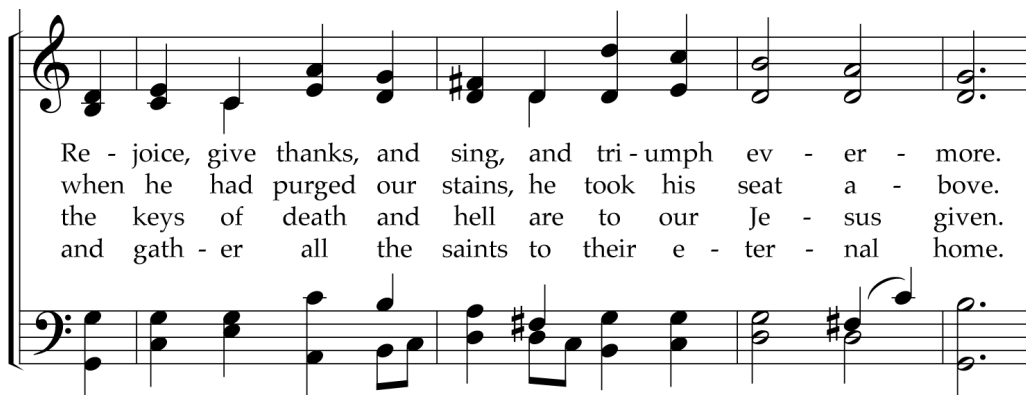
**Many: And worship God with thanksgiving.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 363

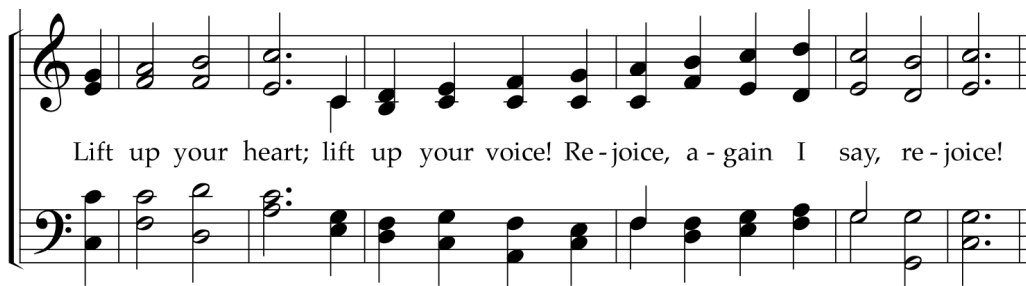
Rejoice the Lord is King



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.



## 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 together.**

**God of Abraham and Sarah, you are the God of hospitality and grace.**

**Forgive us when we close our doors to strangers or close our hearts**

**to you. You are the God of good news and great joy. Forgive us when**

**we hide behind the bad news of this world and lose sight of your holy**

**people. You are the God of all people, united in the body of Christ.**

**Forgive us when we would fracture your body, and reconcile us in your spirit.**

*(Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession.)*

In the name of Jesus Christ, our living Lord, we pray.

**Amen.**

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me,

**for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

From my birth I have leaned upon you,  
my protector since my mother's womb.

**My praise is continually of you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brass, Etc

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

SERMON

*An Invitation to More*

Rev. John Curtiss

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

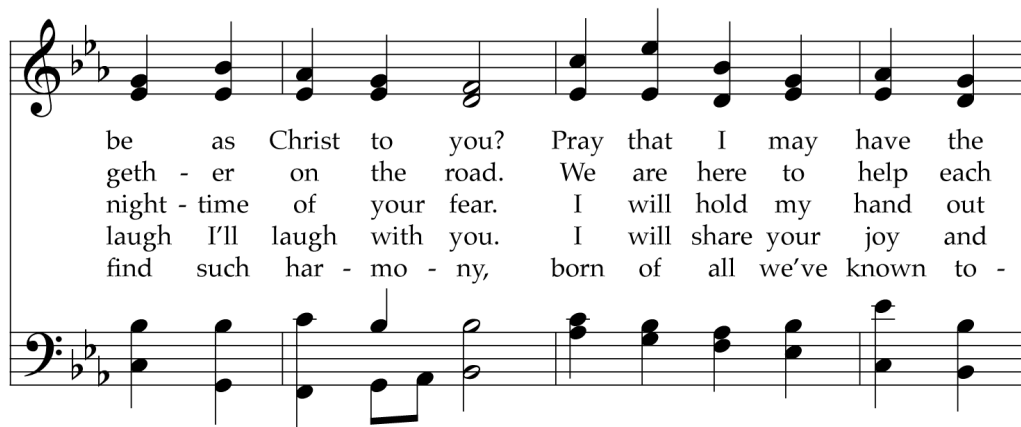
INVITATION TO OFFERING

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.*



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

8

## 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.**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

#### SANCTUS GTG 595

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

Printed with Permission CCLI #2748883

#### 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.**

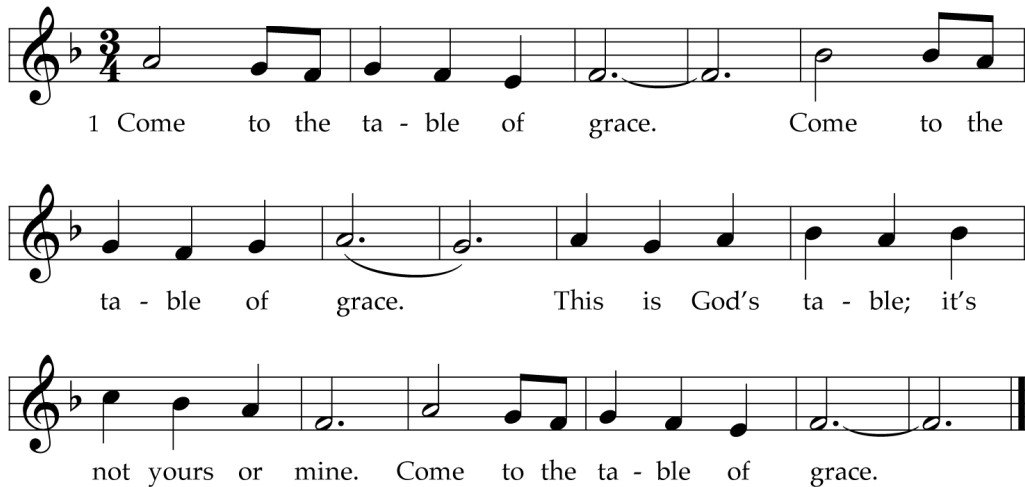
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

## THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.  
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup  
until all are served so that we might partake together.*

### HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 507

### Come to the Table of Grace



1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the  
ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's  
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*next page*

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

# 730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and  
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love  
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and  
made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'  
thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a  
sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a  
saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of  
fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,  
shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

## Outdoor Worship today Stay for the pancake breakfast!

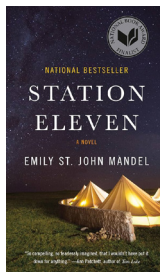
We, once again, welcome Brass, Etc! to our outdoor worship service. We also welcome Pastor John Curtiss. Thank you for blessing our service! After worship, there is a pancake breakfast!



The Reverend John H.G. Curtiss is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He served for over 10 years as pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church in Plainview, Minnesota. In November, 2022, he was elected to serve as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. His partner Meg Curtiss works at the Plainview Public Library. When not pursuing Presbytery business, John can be found reading, hiking, driving the school bus, and being a parent to their three children.



The Book Group will resume on Sunday, September 21. They will read *Station Eleven* by Mandel, Emily St. John. For more information, check out the September Newsletter. Join in reading this interesting book!



You are invited to **The Landing's educational forum!** Please join in on September 16th from 6:30-8pm for an evening of conversation, connection, and community at their upcoming C2 Forum: Then, Now, and Next.



Hear from the founders, Dan and Holly Fifield as they share the story behind The Landing MN, get a present day update from Executive Director Alex Hurlebaus and conclude with a Q & A session and call to action.

This event is free and open to all. Mark your calendars and join The Landing at Mount Olive Lutheran Church for this educational opportunity.

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



**Sunday, September 7**

**9:30 am    Worship with Communion  
Outdoor and Online  
with special guests: Brass, Etc!  
Pancake Breakfast following**

**2:30 pm    Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios**

**Monday, September 8**

**6:00 pm    Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi**

**Tuesday, September 9**

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

**Wednesday, September 10**

**9:00 am    No Prayer Group**

**6:30 pm    CPC Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, September 11**

**5:30 pm    Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios**

**Friday, September 12**

**6:30 pm    Great Room, Library Use:  
SE MN ASD Social Group**

**Sunday, September 14**

**9:30 am    Worship - Outdoor 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  
Shannon Cisewski

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

## Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	John Curtiss
Guest Musicians	Brass, Etc.
Liturgist	
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

## Church Staff

Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch