

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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in your love.

REV. MARISSA SOTOS

UNBOUND
Longing for Wholeness

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings.
It is available before worship, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.

**We pray to God in times of distress,
knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.**

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

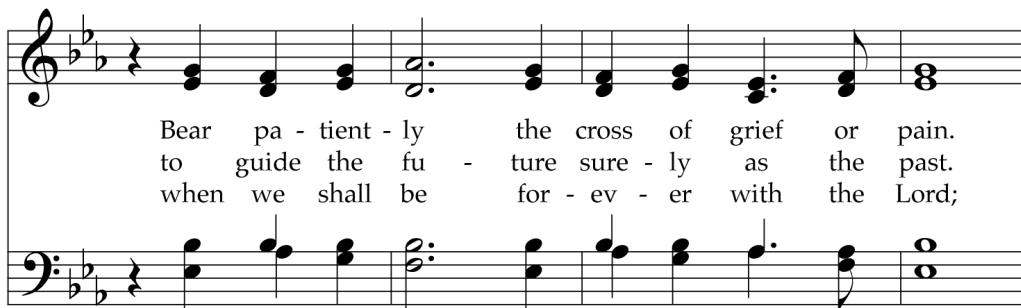
God our Creator, We long for wholeness in our hearts and in our lives. When we are tempted by quick fixes or twisted promises, remind us that true sustenance, protection, and power is found only in you. Lead us by your Spirit to rest confidently in your love. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 819

Be Still My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

CONFESSiON AND PARDON

Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

**We confess to you, most loving God,
the sins that both bind and scatter us.**

We have knowingly believed dishonest words.

We have questioned your gracious power again and again.

We have given into temptation.

We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet holding ourselves apart.

In our disbelief and confusion we have hurt our neighbors and ourselves.

Gather us back to you.

**Forgive us, free us, and make us whole
for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Friends, beloved of God, Jesus came not to condemn the world but that all might be saved through him. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. May God unbind your guilt and shame, lead you by the Spirit, and bring you to wholeness in abundant life. **Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Still-speaking God, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear, and by hearing, grow in faith and love. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

We proclaim Christ crucified— the wisdom and power of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Julie Beck

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 775 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Jesus to walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
 With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

God is generous and calls us to offer our time, talents and resources back to God, the giver. God has modeled this generosity like a parent giving up an only child. Love and gratitude lead us to give abundantly.

DOXOLOGY GTG 647

Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now, let the weak say "We are strong."
let the poor say "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Take these, our gifts, as we offer them today, O God. Use them for your glory and kin-dom's expansion. May these gifts go toward freeing the captives, feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and healing the world. As Christ's body, use us too, in service to repairing the breached, broken places in our community. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad-ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad-ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac - ing of this hour,
 for the liv - ing of these days,
 lest we miss thy king-dom's goal,
 serv-ing thee whom we a - dore,

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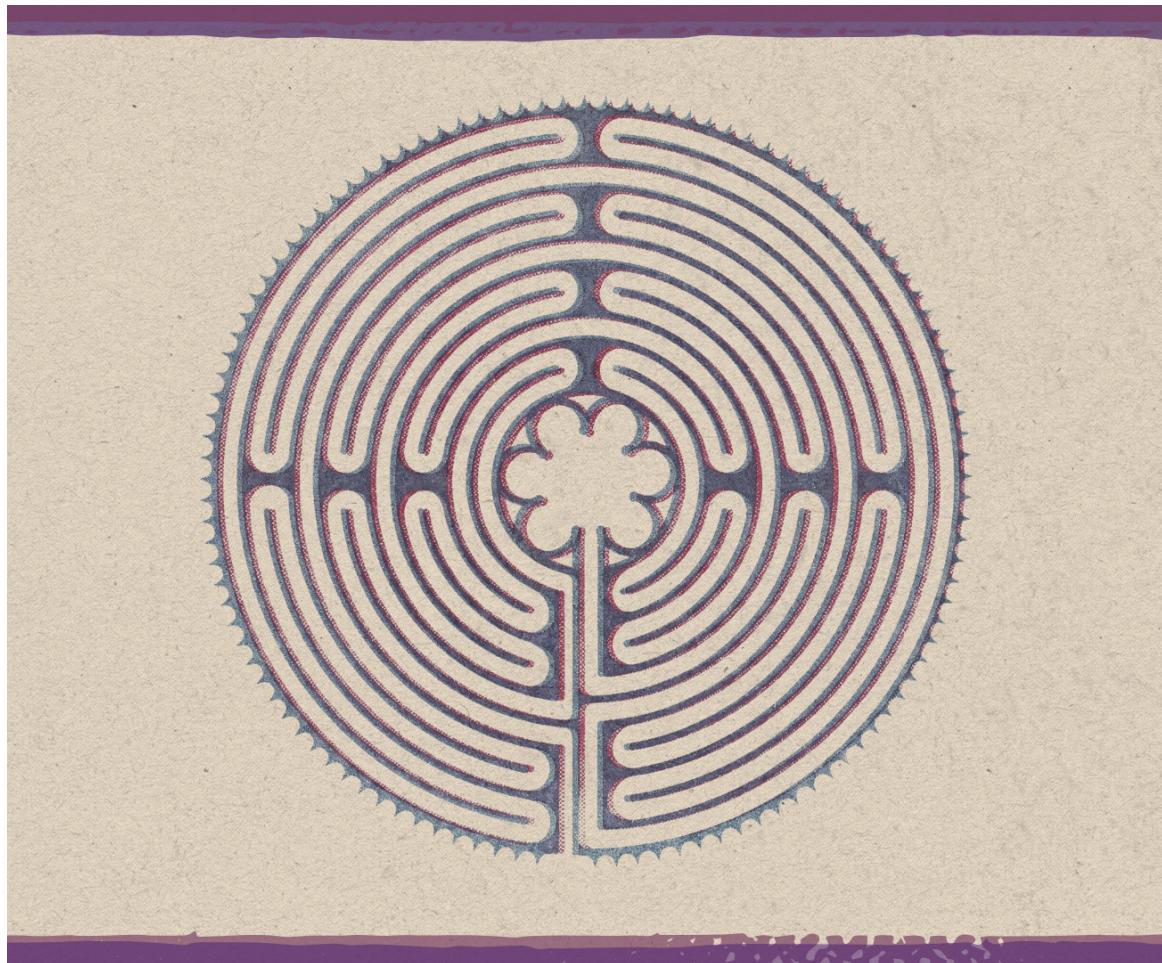
*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May God who seeks you by night and by day, in death and in life,
open your senses to the mystery of God's grace,
enfold you through water and Spirit in Christ's love,
and give you confidence in the Spirit's power to unbind and grant new life.
May the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace forgiven, whole and free.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE





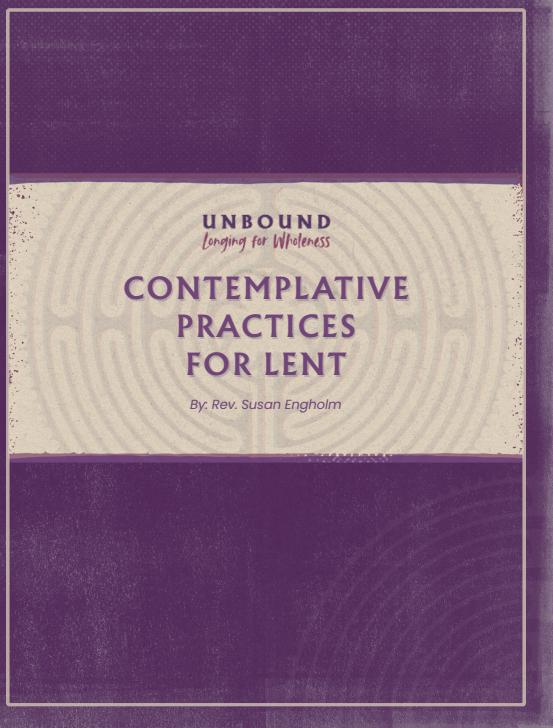
MAKE SOME SPACE THIS LENT FOR

UNBOUND

Longing for Wholeness

This Lent, we will be using this resource from Church Anew: ***Unbound: Longing for Wholeness***. From the Church Anew's website: "What if the opposite of being bound is being whole? Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things that bind us prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God has promised us. Through the stories of regular people encountering Jesus, and being drawn to the wholeness that Jesus provides, we can learn about our own longings and be drawn into wholeness."

Instead of a traditional devotional or the daily texts, we will delve into contemplative practices. Pick up your copy of *Contemplative Practices for Lent* today!



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Welcome to
CPC!

Sunday, February 22

9:30 am Worship -Onsite and Online

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 1

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



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

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

*To be added to the prayer list, please
contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via
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Serving in Worship Today

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