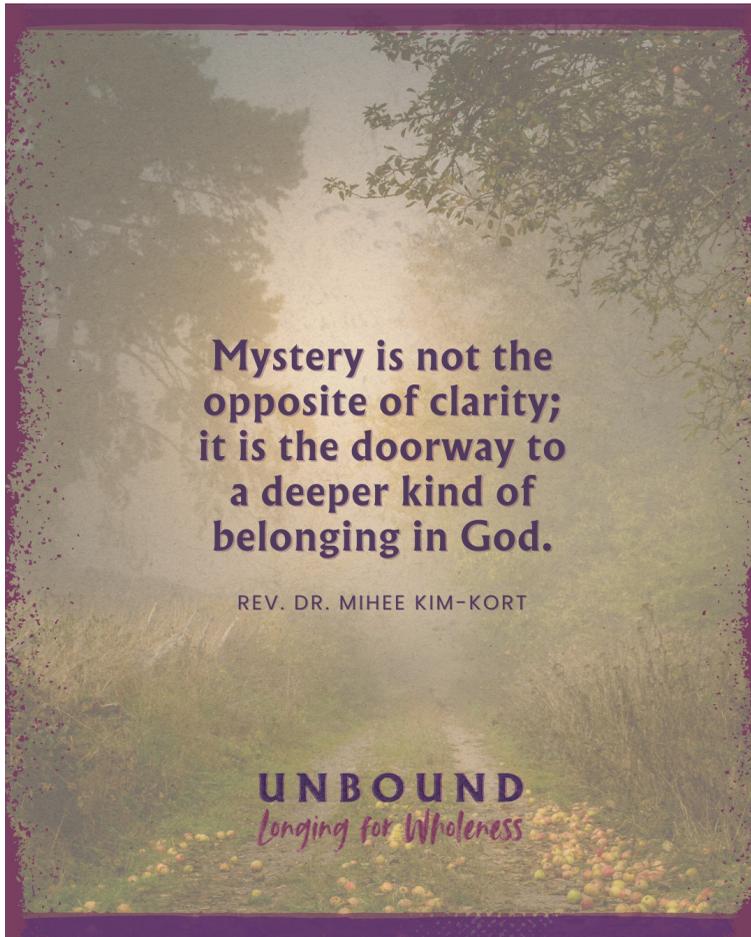


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, March 1, 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

The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.

**We shall never be shaken or moved,
for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.
We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, we come looking for signs of your heavenly kingdom. When certainty binds our spirits, astonish us and confound our expectations. Bring us through water and Spirit to trust that you speak of what you know; Birth us into the mystery that you desire to give all eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 7 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We need God's help. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from right relationship.

**Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent,
we are aware of our need for your presence, your love,
your guidance on life's journey.**

Forgive us for turning away from you.

Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us

to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last.

**We come to your well this Lent desperate
and thirsty for Christ's living water.**

Quench our thirst, we pray.

Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. **Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn Sing

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -

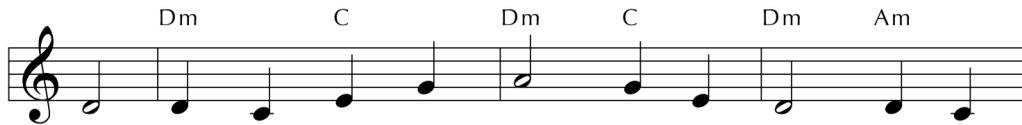


o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

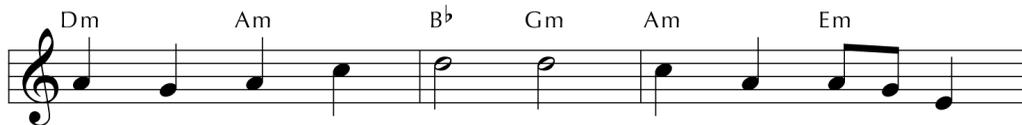
What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
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 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
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GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through 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 625 How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *[Refrain]*

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: *[Refrain]*

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *[Refrain]*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

God gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

DOXOLOGY GTG 606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise *him, all creatures here below;
praise *him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS

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.**

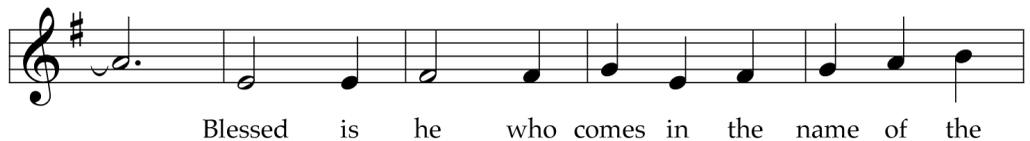
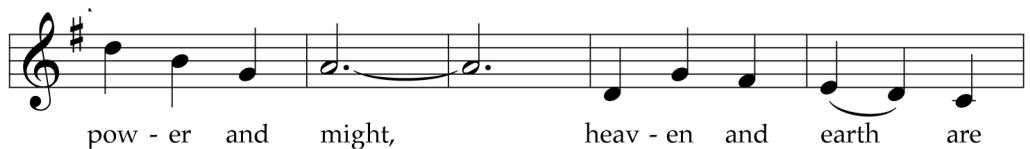
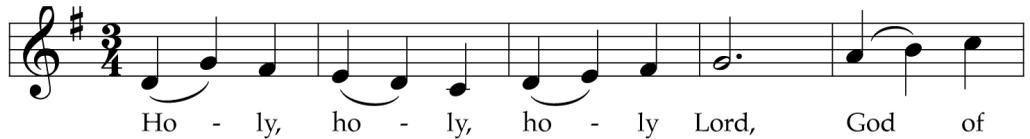
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You made a covenant with our ancestor Abraham, promising to make of him a great nation, and a blessing to all the families of the earth. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS GTG 572

Holy, Holy, Holy



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

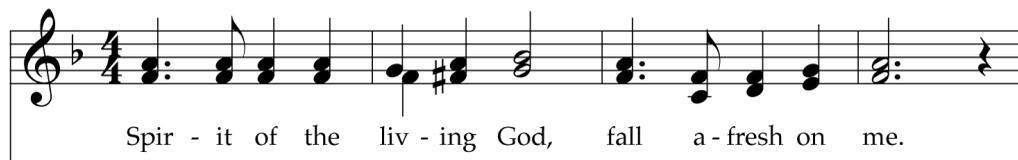
THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*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.*

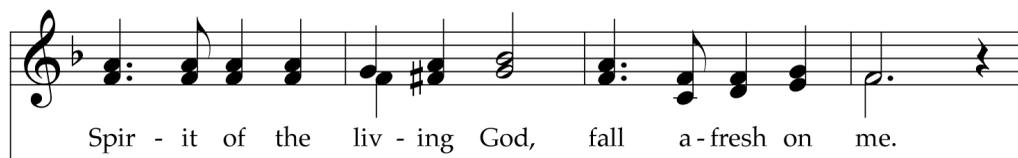
HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 288

Spirit of the Living God

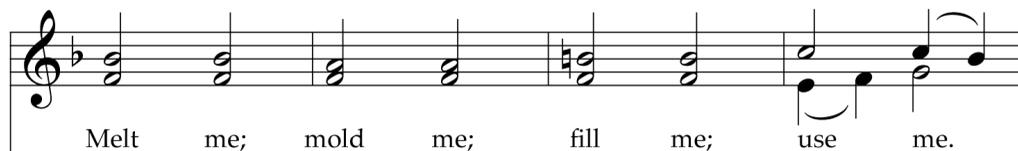
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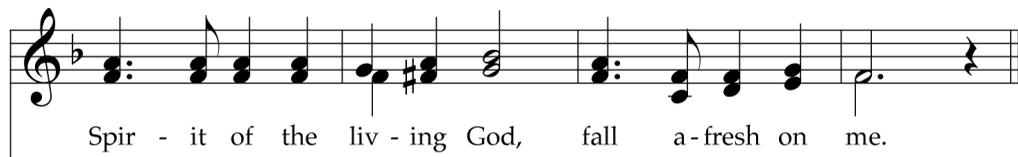
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,

You have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood
that we might rejoice together in the bread you provide
and never be thirsty again.

Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence,
seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God,
and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 826

Lift High the Cross

*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

Refrain

Lift High the Cross

826



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



to Refrain

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Welcome to
CPC!

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 8

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

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



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

Itzel and family

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

Serving in Worship Today

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Margie Petersen

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& Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Music Director

Jennifer Taylor

Pianist

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