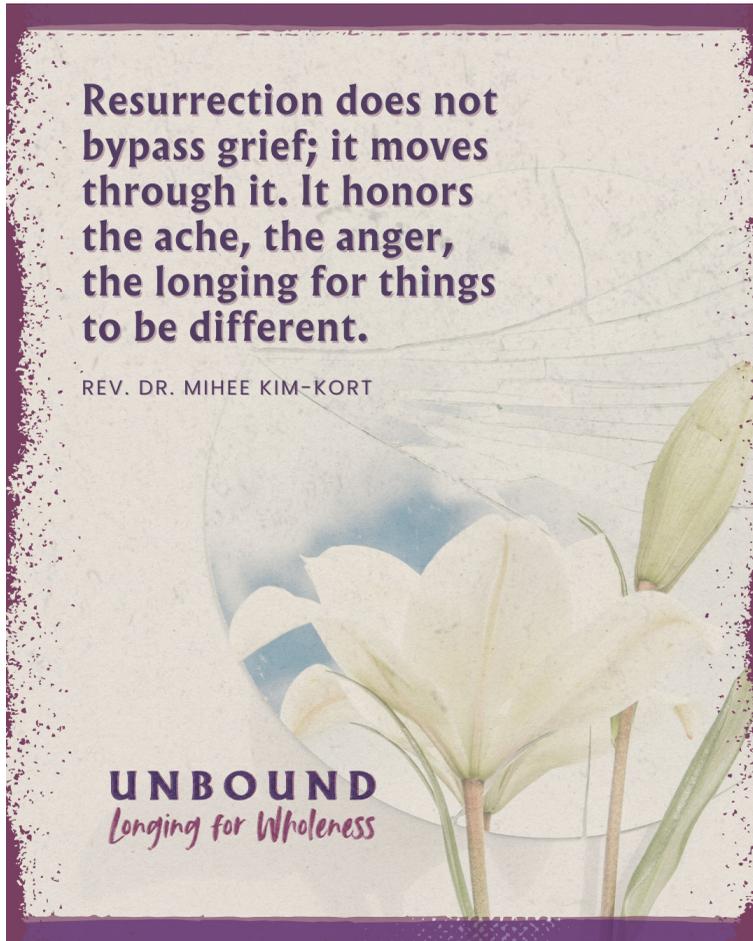


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, March 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

Psalm 130

Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

Let your ears hear our supplication.

We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

Come. Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the living and of the dead, we know that you always hear us: in our grief, our reproach, and our longing. Teach us to speak plainly to one another and to you. Free us from the fears that tell us to hide ourselves away, blocking out light and life. Unbind us to walk whole-heartedly with you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The score concludes with a final cadence in the bass clef.



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,
 come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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CONFESSION

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is a loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confession our sin.

God, we are a busy people.

**We become pre-occupied with the demands of work,
 our relationships, and our communities.**

We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us.

We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should.

**We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance
 in following the path you have set before us.**

**Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently
 and privately to confess our sin.**

A moment of silence for reflection...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 130, *The Message*

“If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out,

forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped."

Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we come before you now to worship you and listen to your Word. Open our ears to hear. May we understand your Word more fully and follow the path you have set before us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to

Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 247 Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain;



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

**To be reconciled to God
is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.
This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God
and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church maintains continuity
with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to his call.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As the well-known hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe." Everything we have, we owe to the grace of God. Therefore, it is only right that we return a portion of those gifts to God, whether it be financial, our skills and talents, or our relationships. Let us take this moment to give these gifts to God.

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

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you, fruits of our labors and a token of our appreciation for everything that you have done for us and given to us. We pray that you guide their use for the welfare of your people. **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 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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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



**Community Presbyterian Church will collect
the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Sunday, April 5 (Easter)!**

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

to Refrain

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

2026 PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

*A Christian Witness for
Peace with Justice*

MARCH 29 SOLDIER'S FIELD



*12:30 pm Processions from
Christ United Methodist &
St. John the Evangelist*

1:00 - 2:00 pm Music & Speakers

Love Your Neighbors

Heal the Sick Feed the Hungry

Welcome the Stranger

www.palmsunday2026.com

The procession will go down Broadway and cross into the Soldier's Field Park via the bridge. The group will then gather at the West shelter for the program.

There will be a food collection both at CUMC and at Soldier's Field. If churches want to take a collection of food at your church, have one person load it into their car and either bring it to CUMC or the park.

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Sunday, March 22

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

Monday, March 23

9:00 am Session Packet Items Due

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

Tuesday, March 24

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

Maundy Thursday

Soup Supper and Worship on April 2.

Soup at 6:00 and Worship at 7:00 pm



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Amy Ward and family

Sherrie Wilson

Vera Atkinson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Carole Kinion Copeland

Sue Chipman

*To be added to the prayer list, please
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email: office@cpcrochester.org.*

Serving in Worship Today

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