

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday
9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

Monday, March 30
9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 31
9:00 am Bulletin Items Due
9:30 am PW Get Together w/ Julie Beck
7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

Wednesday, April 1
8:00 am Prayer Group
6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday
6:00 pm Lenten Soup and Bread Meal
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday
9:30 am Worship with Communion -
Onsite and Online



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
contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via
email: office@cpcrochester.org.*

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Julie Beck
Liturgist	Dave Copeland
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

We have no cloaks today,

but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago,

“Hosanna!” They shouted. “Save us!”

“Hosanna!” We’re shouting. “Save us!”

Savior, ride into our hearts again,

wash us with excitement and hope,

give us a reason to praise

and to shout again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

OPENING HYMN GTG 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

CONFESSION

When we say, “We don’t sin,” we deny who we are. But when we say, “There’s no way out,” we deny who God is. Trusting that God’s grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

**Holy Christ, we confess
that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds,
we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph.
Our faith is unsteady.
Our wisdom is eroding.
Our resolve is shaken.
Our mercy is hardening.
Our hope is weakening.
Come again and save us from these sins.
Give us strength to follow you,
our humble Savior,
our wise fool,
our all in all. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross.

Nothing we can do can deter him.

He has determined that we are worth saving.

By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, share with us your wisdom; gift us with your hope; sustain us with your truth. Be in our hearing and our thinking, that through the words of Scripture we might know your call on our lives. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ride On, King Jesus
arr. Philip Kern

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
 “Hosanna to the Son of David!
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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 200 A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
 2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
 3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
 4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
 5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
 spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
 crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
 surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
 have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
 love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
 leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
 this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
 fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

In a village there were two donkeys, and the Lord needed them. Strange request, and stranger choice, but the Lord needed them. You never know what God needs. You never know what God can use.

Trusting that what you have is just what God needs, commit your offerings to the Lord. Whether they are given physically or online, of your time, your talent, your treasure, whether they are extraordinary or humble, your gifts build up the body of Christ in the world.

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 one, we cannot offer you great treasures as the world measures them. Here is only what we have at hand: cloaks and palm fronds to line your path, and all our ordinary sacrifices. Accept these gifts, and transform them, that we may share in your great work of love. **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 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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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

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

Donate Non-Perishable Food and Household Items for Operation Loaves and Fishes

Bring donations to CUMC on Palm Sunday, 12-12:30
or to Soldier's Field 12:30-2:00

**These are suggested
donations for the
Palm Sunday
Procession!
(see the next page)**

most needed donations

(as of Feb 25)

- \$\$ to purchase meat and other perishables
- Diapers (size 8, 7, NB most needed)
- NIDO Kinder 1+ powdered milk
- Snacks and cookies for kids/teens
- Cereal for kids (the fun ones!)
- Coffee (ground or instant)
- Fruit juices
- Laundry detergent (liquid or powder)
- Multipurpose cleaner (e.g. Fabuloso)
- Shampoo
- Toilet paper/ paper towels
- Trash bags (single family portions)
- Adobo, misc seasonings (eg Sauzón, Goya)
- Pasta sauce



thank you!



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be collected at CPC on April 5!

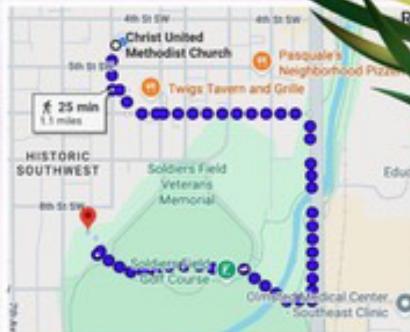
Palm Sunday Procession

A CHRISTIAN WITNESS FOR
PEACE WITH JUSTICE

March 29, 2026 - Soldier's Field

12:30 pm - procession leaves from
Christ United Methodist

1:00 - 2:00 pm: Gather at Soldier's
Field pavillion for music, speakers,
food trucks, and social time for all
ages.



Procession Route

Details:

- Gather at Christ United Methodist (400 5th Ave SW) between noon - 12:15 for procession to leave at 12:30. Carpooling encouraged.
- The procession route is just over 1 mile. Bus transportation available from Christ United Methodist for those who need, parking at Soldier's Field is also an option
- This is a family-friendly event. Palm branches, liturgical garb, and posters with positive messaging are welcome.