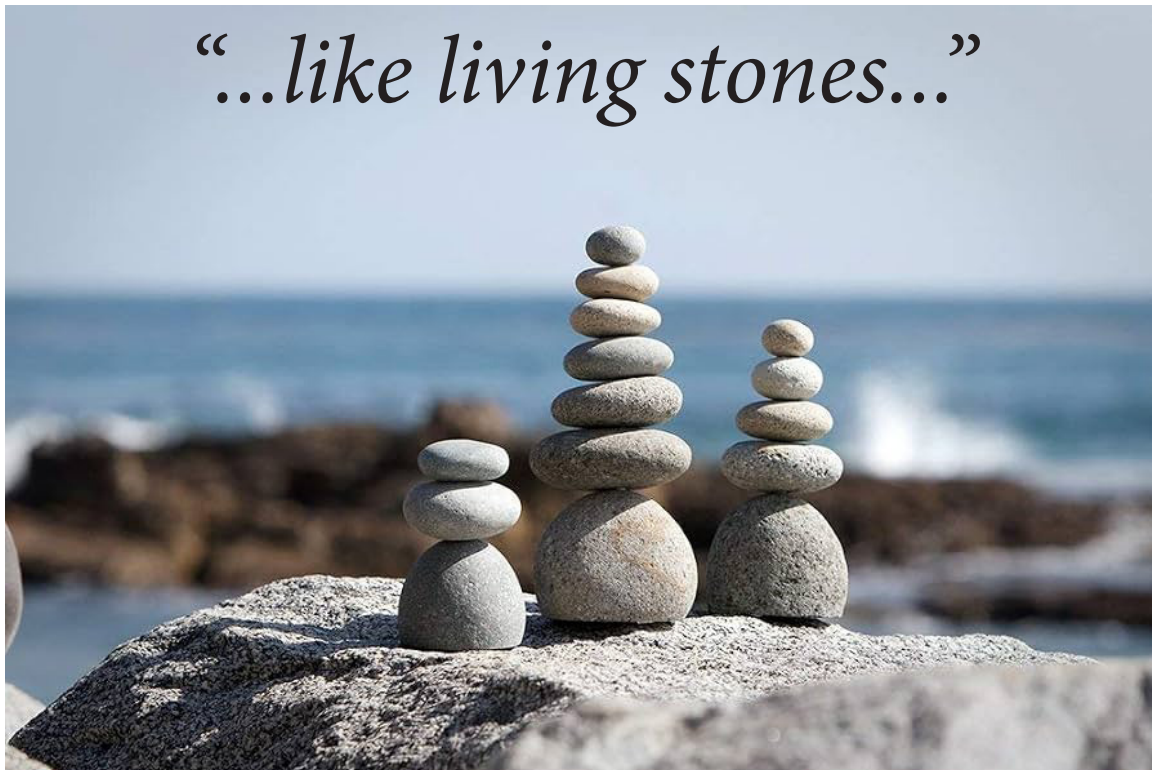


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

“...like living stones...”



Sunday, July 19, 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Alleluia
by Mozart

Shawn Kennedy-Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight,
and on him we build our lives.

**We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts,
for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.**

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people;
once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all journeys, the road we travel is stony, and often we struggle to hold fast to hope. But in you, we find new courage, new purpose, and new life. By your grace, teach us to live as your people, with mercy, compassion, and justice. Guide us with your light, that in your all-sufficient presence, we might raise our voices in endless praise. Amen.

OPENING HYMN GTG 301

Let Us Build A House



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
- 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

A time of silence is kept.

**Christ, our way, our truth, our life,
you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.
You have not simply told us how to live,
you have shown us.**

**But we still don't get it.
We do not believe all you have said to us;
we do not trust the way you have shown us.
Help us, O God.
Forgive us.
Open our ears to your truth,
open our eyes to your way,
and lead us into new life.**

Beloved, hear the good news:
God knows us and forgives us
and leads us in the way of everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-4

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 31:1-5

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
**do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.**

Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

**Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deep River
Spiritual

Shawn Kennedy-Lee

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Church: Living Stones and a Holy Priesthood

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak



You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea-sure that I



seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me



up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!



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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpted and updated from portions of the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through the Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

- that God calls the church to follow them in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.
- that God frees the prisoner, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, and blocks the path of the ungodly.
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

To the one and only God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

God, whom Scripture shows offering refuge for those who suffer, we know you search for and call those whose suffering goes unnoticed. We pray that you help us sense suffering and decry injustice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Joys and Concerns are Shared... after each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

After all joys and concerns are shared:

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,
and continue your mighty work among us,
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

DOXOLOGY GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 326

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



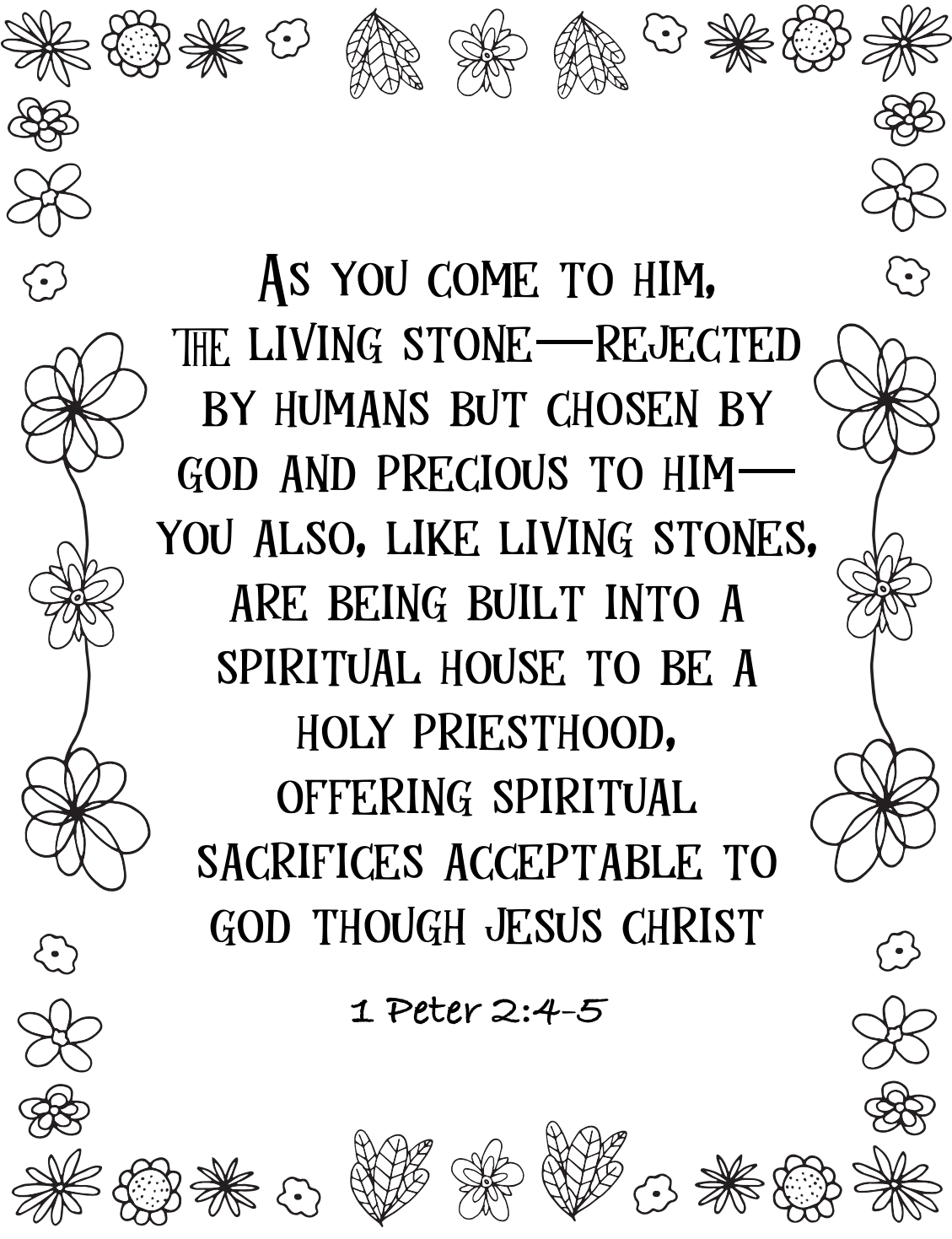
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**CHARGE AND BLESSING*

May the blessing of the Trinity—
holy, holy, holy Lord—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here I am; send me!” **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

A decorative border of various line-art flowers and leaves surrounds the central text. The top and bottom borders are horizontal, while the left and right borders are vertical, each featuring a central flower with a long stem and two smaller flowers.

**AS YOU COME TO HIM,
THE LIVING STONE—REJECTED
BY HUMANS BUT CHOSEN BY
GOD AND PRECIOUS TO HIM—
YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING STONES,
ARE BEING BUILT INTO A
SPIRITUAL HOUSE TO BE A
HOLY PRIESTHOOD,
OFFERING SPIRITUAL
SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO
GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

1 Peter 2:4-5



Our worship service on Sunday, July 26, will take place outdoors in the garden, weather permitting! Bring you lawn chair and your sunglasses!

Volunteer Opportunity!

The Village Cooperative (the folks that use the garden space out front) could use volunteers to help with set-up and take-down of their **weekly farmers' markets**. The time commitment is roughly 30-40 minutes, and doesn't require any special skills. It's a great way to meet some of the farmers who have been hard at work in farms like the one in Community Presbyterian's front yard.



Times:

Sunday, set-up from 1-1:45, take-down 5:45-6:30 (MLK Park)

Tuesday, set-up from 3-3:45, take-down from 6:45-7:30 (Cascade Lake Park)

Sign up as a volunteer online at
<https://www.rochvillage.org/donate>

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Sunday, July 19

11:00 am Worship- Onsite and Online

7:00 pm Great Room Use: Piano Recital

Monday, July 20 - Office Closed

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 am Prayer Group

Sunday, July 26

11:00 am Worship- Outdoors (weather permitting) and Online



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Sherrie Wilson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Sue Chipman

Dolly Gillen

Cal Ward and family

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

In Worship Today

Pastor	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Liturgist	Amanda Ross
Guest Pianist	Judy Kereakos
Special Music	Shawn Kennedy-Lee
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
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