

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, July 26, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are salt for the earth.

We are a light for the world.

Just as no one hides a lamp away,

we will offer the world what only we can give.

In shining our lights, we will remember:

We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.

Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

we will not drown out another's beam with ours.

Let us worship together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God from whom all blessings flow, help us to embrace the unique gifts your Spirit has instilled in each of us. Give us the wisdom to discern where your world could use our talents most, and grant us humility to recognize where we rely on the strength and insight of others, so that, in mutual giving and receiving, all needs may be met, according to the way of Jesus through his life and death. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'When Morning Gilds the Skies'. It features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different part of the hymn. The first line is '1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing'. The second line is '2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I'. The third line is '3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -'. The fourth line is '4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -'. The music is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a church service.

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Into this space we bring our weights and burdens—
the things we have done or not done, said or not said.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us lay down those burdens before God.

Patient God,

it is so easy for us to miss the point.

We know how to perform righteousness;

**we go to church, we donate, we volunteer,
but we care more about how we are seen
than our faithfulness to you.**

**We show off our piousness,
instead of actually sharing our food,
our homes, our resources
with those in the most need.**

**Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves,
and teach us your way,
the way that leads to justice and peace.**

Beloved, hear the good news:

When we cry for help, God says, “Here I am!”

When we ask for mercy, God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

*Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.*

*Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,*

*as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;*

*they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.*

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

*Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.*

*You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?*

*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Victory in Jesus

Judy Kereakos

By Eugene M. Bartlett, Arr. by Melody Bober

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

SERMON

The Church: Sent as Christ's Witness

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 762 *When the Poor Ones*



- 1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
- 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
- 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
- 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,



when the thirst-y wa - ter give un - to us all,
when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,



when the crip - pled in their weak-ness strength-en oth - ers,
when we love though hate at times seems all a-round us,
when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
when each strang-er that we meet is called a neigh-bor,

Refrain



then we know that God still goes that road with us,



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *The Confession* of 1967)

We believe:

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

**His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.**

**His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment
on the inhumanity that marks human relations,**

and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.**

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

We approach God in prayer not as strangers,
but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus.
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:

Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child, our Savior and 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

There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live.

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

God of glory, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 694

Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Great God of Every Blessing". It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time and key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses provided. The first verse is "1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,". The second verse is "2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,". The third verse is "3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,". The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the blessing of the Trinity—

holy, holy, holy Lord—

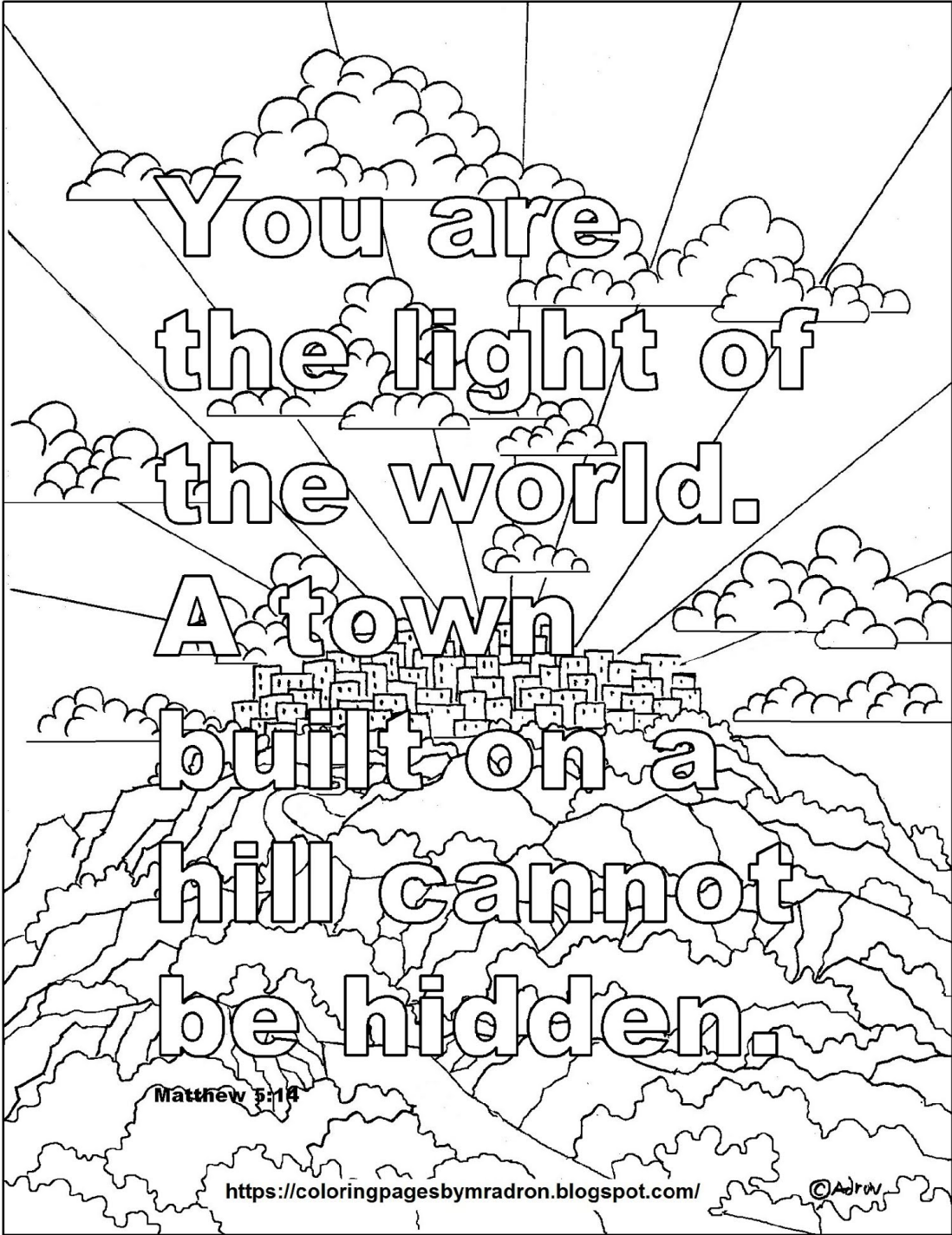
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

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



You are
the light of
the world.

A town
built on a
hill cannot
be hidden.

Matthew 5:14

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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>

Joint Worship with CPC-Plainview

Sunday, August 6, CPC-Rochester will travel to CPC- Plainview for a Joint Worship Service. The service will begin at 9:30 am. To carpool to Plainview, please gather at CPC at 8:30 am. We will plan to leave CPC Rochester by 8:45 to get to CPC Plainview in plenty of time!

There is a potluck brunch afterwards, all you can eat corn begins at 11:00 am, and a parade goes past the church beginning at 1:30 pm.



Sign up to drive or to ride in the narthex!

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Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

9:00 am Session Items Due

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am Prayer Group

Sunday, August 2

11:00 am Worship with Communion - Onsite 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	Mark Neville
Guest Pianist	Judy Kereakos
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
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Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch