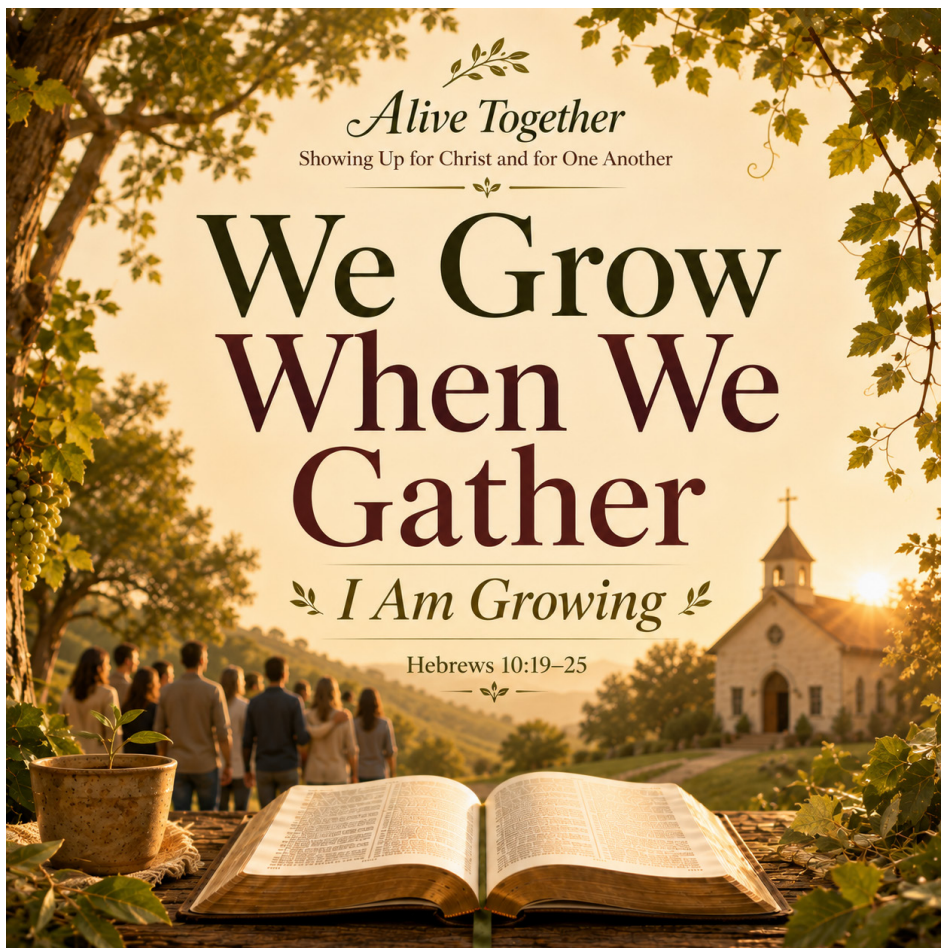


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



September 13, 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us draw near to God with sincere hearts and confident faith.

People: God welcomes us and strengthens us.

Leader: Let us hold fast to the hope we profess.

People: The One who promised is faithful.

Leader: Let us consider how to encourage one another toward love and good deeds.

People: We need one another as we grow in Christ.

Leader: Today we declare together:

People: I am growing. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, you do not leave us as we are. Through your Word, your Spirit, worship, prayer, fellowship, and service, you continue forming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Give us teachable hearts and courageous faith. Help children, youth, adults, elders, newcomers, and longtime members grow together in wisdom, love, and discipleship. Make this congregation a community where faith is nurtured and every generation is encouraged. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 352

My Lord! What a Morning!

Refrain

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system shows the beginning of the hymn, with the lyrics "My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;". The second system continues the melody with the lyrics "O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to". The score includes a "Refrain" label at the beginning of the first system.

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

Fine

fall, when the stars be-gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet
2 You will hear the sin - ner
3 You will hear the Chris-tian

sound cry, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,
shout,

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall. *to Refrain*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of grace, you have given us your Word, your Spirit, and your people, yet we confess that we sometimes resist the growth you desire for us.

We choose convenience instead of commitment, isolation instead of fellowship, criticism instead of encouragement, and comfort instead of transformation.

We expect others to strengthen the church while withholding our own participation.

Forgive us, Lord.

Awaken in us a hunger to know you more deeply, a willingness to learn, and a desire to encourage others.

Continue your good work within us, so that we may faithfully say: I am growing. Amen.

Hear the good news: God is faithful and does not abandon the work begun in us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open the Scriptures before us and open us before the Scriptures. Teach us, challenge us, encourage us, and form us into faithful disciples. Give us ears to hear, minds willing to learn, and hearts ready to practice your Word. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

SERMON

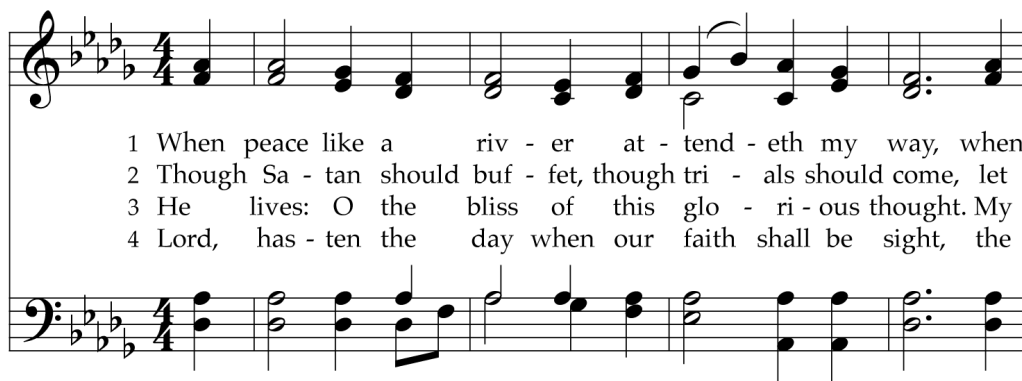
Christ Is Among Us: We Grow When We Gather

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 840

When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul; It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

Growing together means rejoicing with those who rejoice and carrying one another's burdens. Let us share the joys, concerns, needs, and thanksgivings of our church family.

Joys and Concerns are Shared... after each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 THE OFFERING

Our faith grows when it is practiced. Giving is one way God forms within us hearts of trust, gratitude, generosity, and love. Let us offer our gifts faithfully so that disciples may be nurtured, neighbors served, and Christ's mission strengthened.

DOXOLOGY GTG 708

We Give Thee But Thine Own
**We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

vs. 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance, receive these gifts and use them to form disciples, nurture children and youth, strengthen your church, care for neighbors, and extend Christ's love into the world. Receive also our minds, hearts, hands, and lives. Continue to grow us in faith and love. **Amen.**

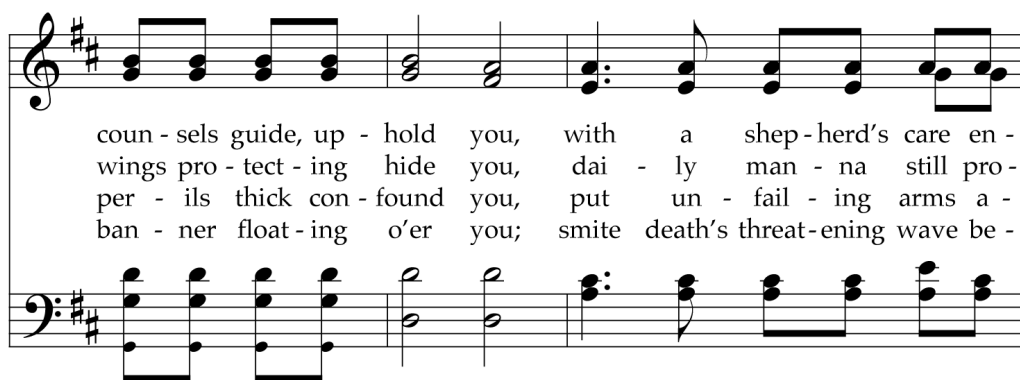
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 542

God Be With You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you:

*BENEDICTION

Go into this week as people who are still being formed by the grace of God.

Keep learning.

Keep praying.

Keep worshipping.

Keep serving.

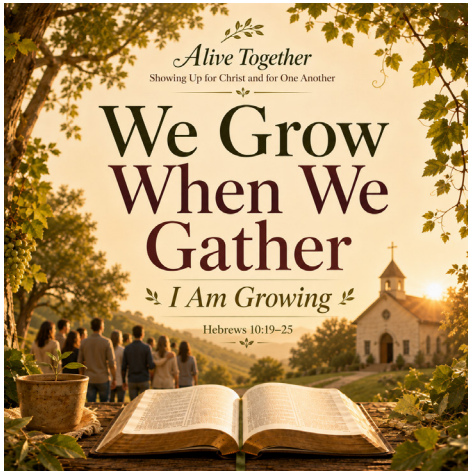
Keep encouraging one another.

Remember: I AM GROWING.

We need one another.

May God strengthen you, Christ walk beside you, and the Holy Spirit continue forming you in faith. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



September 13, 2026 ***"We Grow When We Gather"***

I AM GROWING.

Christian faith was never intended to be lived alone. God uses worship, Scripture, prayer, fellowship, encouragement, and service to shape us into mature disciples of Jesus Christ. This Sunday, we will explore why we need one another and how gathering faithfully helps us grow stronger in faith, love, and service.

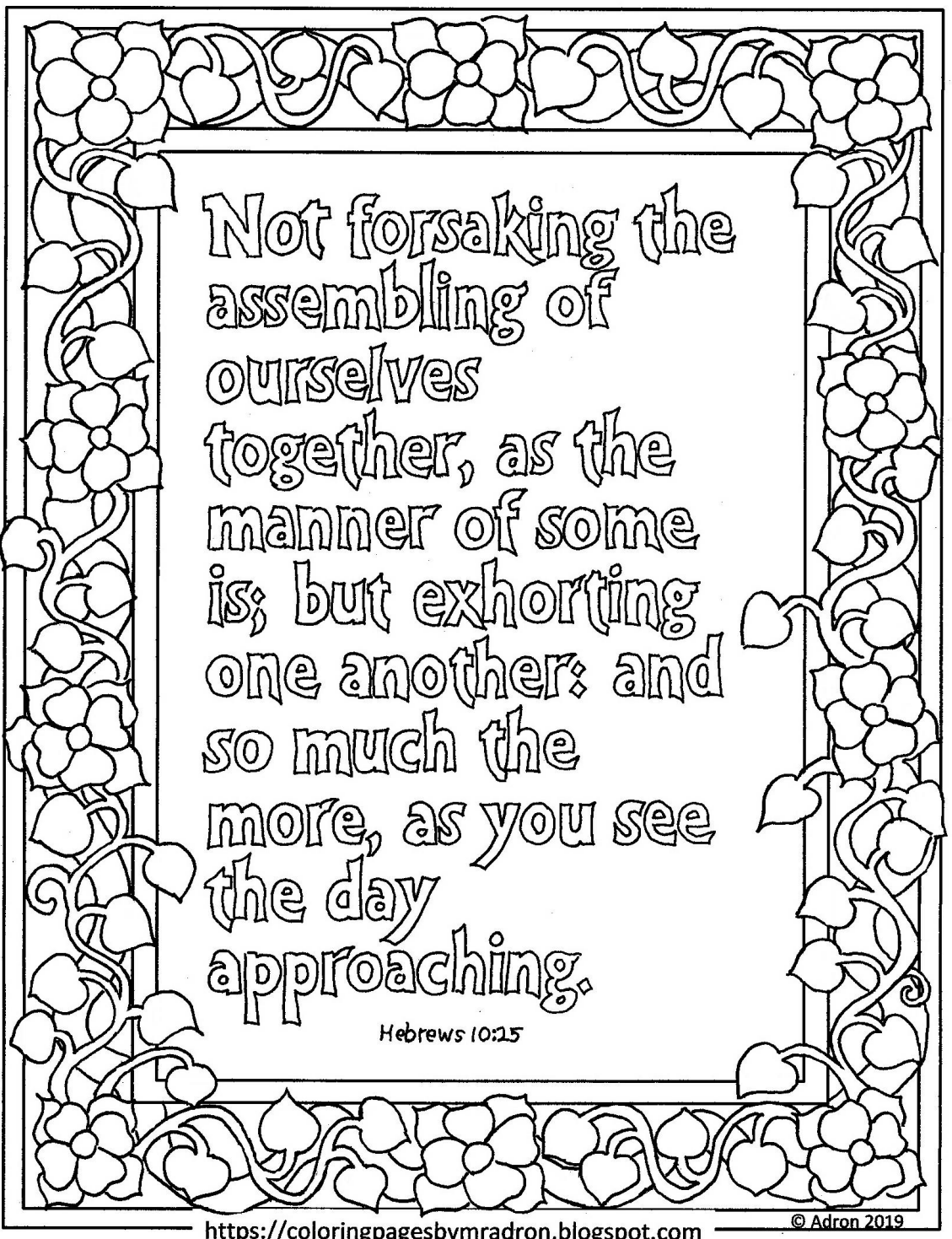
Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-25



Today we welcome the members of Brass,
Etc! in worship today!

After worship, we will have a pancake
breakfast!





Not forsaking the
assembling of
ourselves
together, as the
manner of some
is; but exhorting
one another: and
so much the
more, as you see
the day
approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

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Sunday, September 13

11:00 am Worship with Brass, Etc!
- Outside (weather permitting)
and Online

This week:

Stephanie is still on vacation. Pastor Paul is doing some continuing education. Pastoral emergency? Please call Pastor Jan Wiersma, 763-219-2927

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 20

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online

Online worship will be via zoom beginning September 20th! Link for the Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94694148977?pwd=OqE3tRPETY7zH3JdKiOjnoeCoN5Ona.1>

Meeting ID: 946 9414 8977

Passcode: 245972



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Sherrie Wilson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Sue Chipman

**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
Musicians	Brass, Etc!
Liturgist	Dave Copeland
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

Church Staff

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