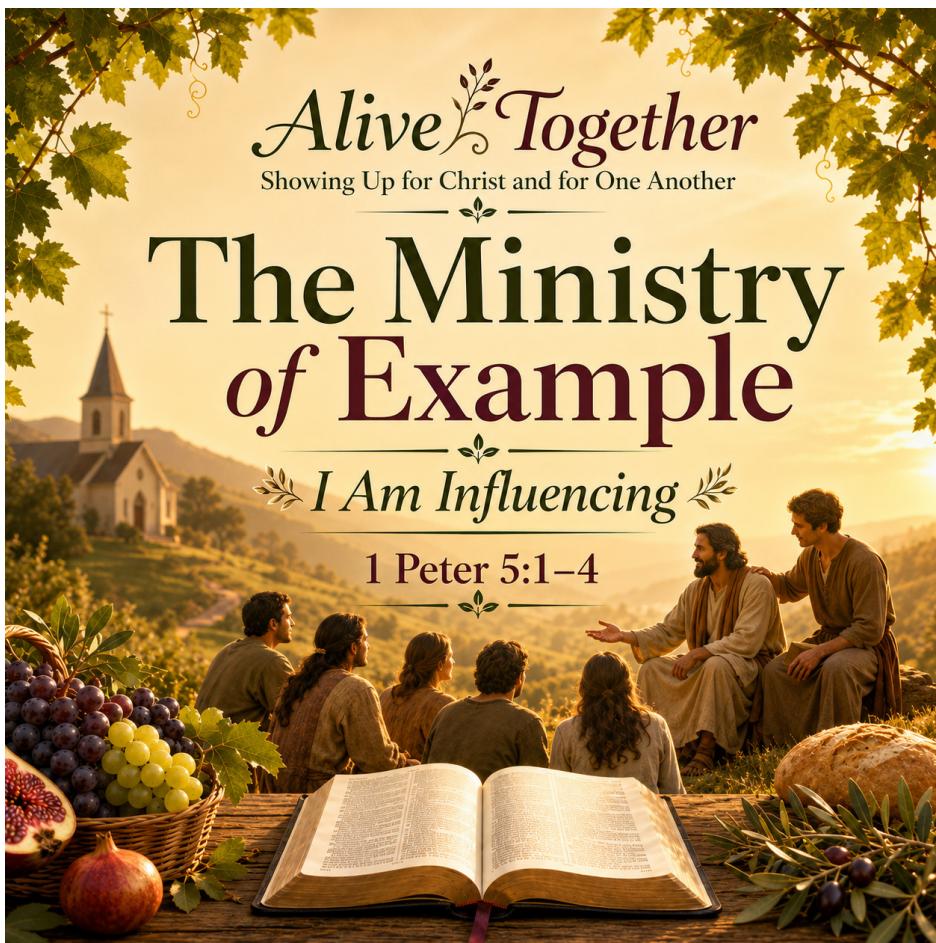


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



September 20, 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: Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd of the church.

People: We belong to Christ and seek to follow his way.

Leader: Christ calls leaders to serve willingly, humbly, and faithfully.

People: Christ calls all of us to become examples of grace and love.

Leader: Our words, choices, priorities, and actions influence others.

People: I am influencing. May my life point others toward Christ.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose life is our perfect example.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, our faithful Shepherd.

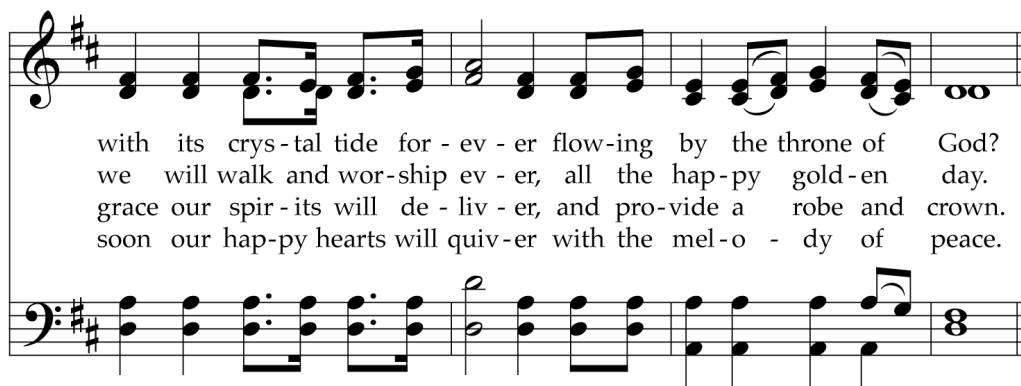
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd and servant of all, you have shown us what faithful leadership looks like. Shape our lives after your example. Give humility to those who lead, courage to those who serve, wisdom to those who teach, and integrity to all who bear your name. May our actions agree with our words, and may our lives quietly point children, neighbors, newcomers, and fellow believers toward you. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 375

Shall We Gather At the River

The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'Shall We Gather At the River'. It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble staff for Soprano and Alto, and a bass staff for Tenor and Bass. The lyrics are written below the staves, with each line of music corresponding to a line of the four-part setting. The lyrics are: 1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod, 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray, 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down; 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

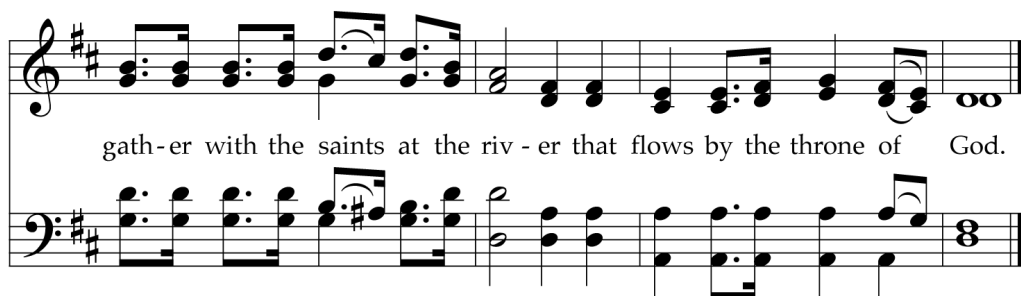


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that our example has not always reflected Jesus Christ. At times we have asked others to do what we ourselves were unwilling to do.

**We have spoken about prayer while neglecting prayer,
spoken about worship while allowing other priorities to replace it,
spoken about service while waiting for someone else to serve,
and spoken about love while holding resentment.
Forgive us, Lord.**

Give us integrity between what we believe, what we say, and how we live.

May our influence lead others toward Christ rather than away from him. Amen.

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, seeks, forgives, restores, and leads 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

God of truth, speak to us through your Word. Do not allow us merely to evaluate the lives of other people. Turn your Word toward our own hearts. Show us how our character, leadership, service, and example can more faithfully point others toward Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:1–4

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

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

SERMON

Christ Is Among Us: Let your Life Speak

Rev. Jan Wiersma

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a-right?
2 Love caused your in-car-na-tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad-ness, in mer-cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re-newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

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INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

As one family in Christ, let us share the celebrations for which we give thanks and the burdens for which we seek prayer, trusting our Good Shepherd to care for us together.

*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

Christian influence includes generosity. As Christ has given himself for us, we offer our gifts and our lives for God's purposes. May our giving become a faithful example of trust, gratitude, and commitment to Christ's mission.

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

Faithful God, receive these gifts as signs of our love and commitment. Use them and use us to build up your church, strengthen its ministries, care for those in need, and bear witness to Jesus Christ. May our generosity and service become faithful examples to those around us and to generations yet to come. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 545 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace

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*BENEDICTION

Go now remembering that your life has influence.

Let your worship be an example. Let your service be an example.

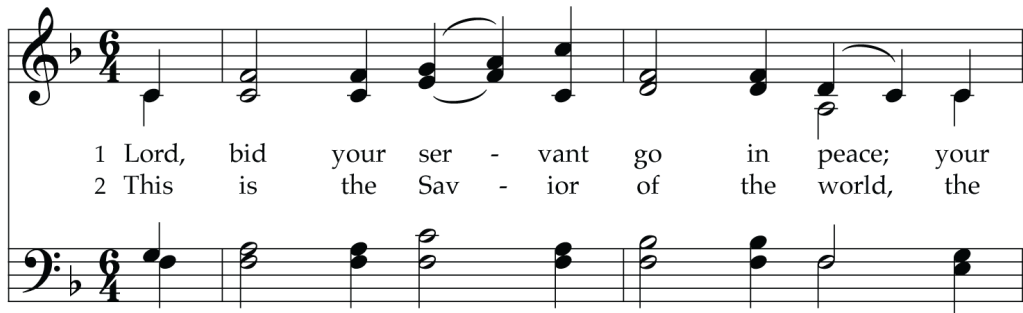
Let your generosity be an example. Let your forgiveness and love be an example.

May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit shape your life so that others may see the goodness of Jesus through you. Go in peace. **Amen.**

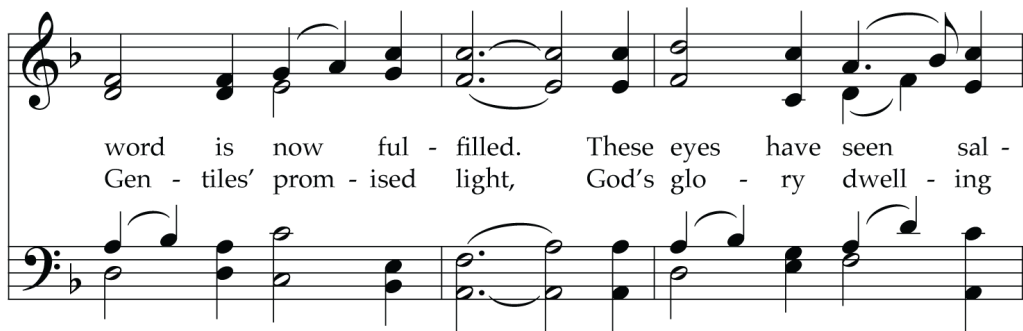
POSTLUDE

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

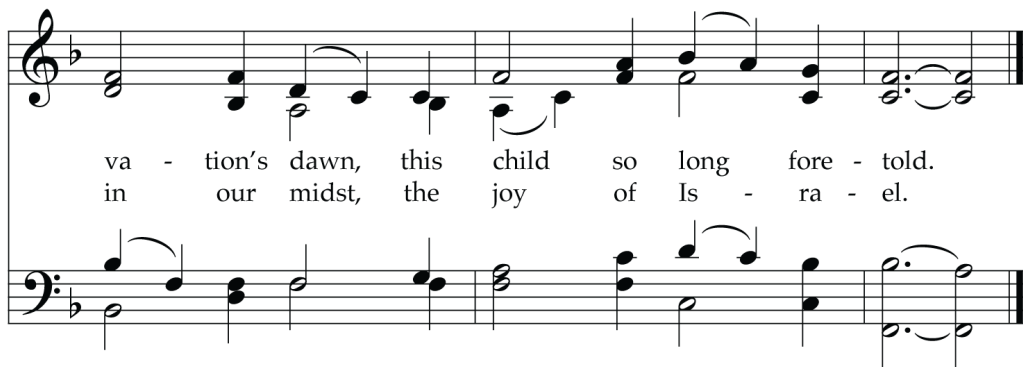
Song of Simeon



1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the



word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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Sunday, September 20

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online

This week:

Monday, September 21

9:00 am Session Packet Items Due

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

Tuesday, September 22

6:00 pm Session Meeting

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

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 27

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

Guest Preacher	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
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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