

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



September 27, 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: We have not been called merely to sit and observe.

People: God calls us to participate in the work of Christ.

Leader: We have not been given gifts only for ourselves.

People: God gives gifts for the good of others.

Leader: God is at work within us, shaping our desires and our actions.

People: I am participating. God has given me something to do.

Leader: Come, let us worship the servant Christ and offer ourselves to his mission.

People: Together we are the Body of Christ, alive together!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you call us not simply into a congregation but into your mission. Awaken the gifts you have placed within us. Move us from spectators to disciples, from consumers to servants, from attending to participating, and from receiving your grace to sharing it. Give us the mind of Christ, who humbled himself and served in love. Work within us so that our lives may accomplish your good purposes. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 401

Here In This Place

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Servant God, forgive us when our faith becomes passive. Forgive us when we ask what the church can do for us but rarely ask how you might work through us.

We hide our gifts, avoid responsibility,

overlook our neighbors, and leave ministry for someone else.

Free us from selfish ambition and empty pride.

Give us the mind of Christ.

Help us look not only to our own interests but also to the interests of others.

Move our feet, open our hands, and use our lives for your glory. Amen.

Hear the good news: the Christ who humbled himself for us is the One through whom God gives forgiveness and new life.

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, speak through the Scriptures and awaken us from passive faith. Show us what you have given us, whom you are sending us to, and how we may participate in your work. Let your Word become faithful action within us. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, Make Us Worthy
by Natalie Sleeth

CPC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

*who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to 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.*

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

SERMON

From Attending to Participating

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 293 Loving Spirit

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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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

God has given each of us something to offer. Our financial gifts are part of a larger offering—our time, abilities, compassion, presence, prayers, service, and witness. With grateful hearts, let us participate in God's work through our giving.

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 mission, receive these gifts and multiply them for your kingdom. Receive us as well. Take our hands for service, our voices for encouragement, our hearts for compassion, our resources for generosity, our gifts for ministry, and our lives for your mission. Use us wherever you need us. In Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 546

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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*BENEDICTION

Church of Jesus Christ, you have been gathered, formed, equipped, and sent.

Be present. Keep growing. Influence faithfully. Participate joyfully.

Remember our September journey:

I AM PRESENT. I AM GROWING. I AM INFLUENCING. I AM PARTICIPATING.

Do not simply go to church—be the church. Worship faithfully, encourage generously, serve joyfully, love boldly, and share Christ wherever God sends you.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Community Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 27

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online

This week:

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

6:00 pm Session Meeting

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

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 4

11:00 am Worship with Communion

- Onsite and Online

Online worship is provided via zoom.

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

Family of Audrey Crawshaw

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

In Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Liturgist	Sue Chipman
Special Music	CPC Choir
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



DRIVE-THROUGH RECYCLING DAY
at HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
2815 57th St. NW, Rochester



October 3, 2026 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

*Come to Hosanna Lutheran Church for your metal recycling needs!
This event is a drive-through event, so you will see
traffic cones guiding you through the parking lot.*

*****There is no charge to recycle the items listed on this flyer *****

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lukas Phillips at Hosanna Lutheran Church by calling 507-285-0092 or emailing the church at admin.assistant@hosannalutheran.org.
This event is co-hosted by Junk Recyclers, LLC.

HOUSEHOLD METALS AND POWER TOOLS ACCEPTED:

- Toasters
- Food Processor and Blenders
(without plastic or glass carafes)
- Food Mixers
- Electric Woks
- Electric Griddles
- Panini Press
- Waffle Makers
- Bread Makers
- Breakfast Sandwich Makers
- Pressure Cookers
- Rice Cookers
- Roasters
- Slow Cookers
(without ceramic insert and glass lid)
- Air Fryers
- Electric Kettles
- Electric and Gas Grills/Smokers
- Box or Oscillating Fans
- Ceiling Fans
- Clothes Irons
- Bottle/can Openers
- Curling Irons
- Hair Straighteners
- Personal Space Heaters
- Paper Shredders
- Sewing Machines
- Metal Shelving
- Metal Bed Frames
- Cast Iron Sinks/Pots/Pans
- Car Hubs and parts **(no tires)**
- Bicycles
- CD Players
- VCRs
- **Electric Power Tools:**
 - Drills, Sanders, Handsaws, etc.
- **Lawn Equipment**
 - Leaf Blowers, Weedwhackers, Lawnmowers, Power Washers
- **Home Gym Equipment:**
 - Dumbbells, Bars, Ellipticals, Exercise Bikes, Treadmills
- **Large Appliances**
 - Water Heaters
 - Washers and Dryers
 - Refrigerators
 - Stoves/Ovens
 - Microwaves
 - Freezers

***Thank you for your participation in
recycling precious metals!***

September 27, 2026 “From Attending to Participating” I AM PARTICIPATING.

God has not called us simply to attend church. God has given every one of us gifts, abilities, experiences, relationships, and opportunities to participate in Christ’s ministry. As we conclude our September series, we will ask not only, “What can the church do for me?” but also, “Lord, where can you use me?” Together, we are called to worship, serve, love, give, encourage, and share Christ with the world.

Scripture: Philippians 2:1–13

OUR SEPTEMBER JOURNEY

I AM PRESENT. *My presence matters.*

I AM GROWING. *We need one another.*

I AM INFLUENCING. *My example influences others.*

I AM PARTICIPATING. *God has given me something to do.*

Together, we are the church—the Body of Christ, ALIVE TOGETHER!

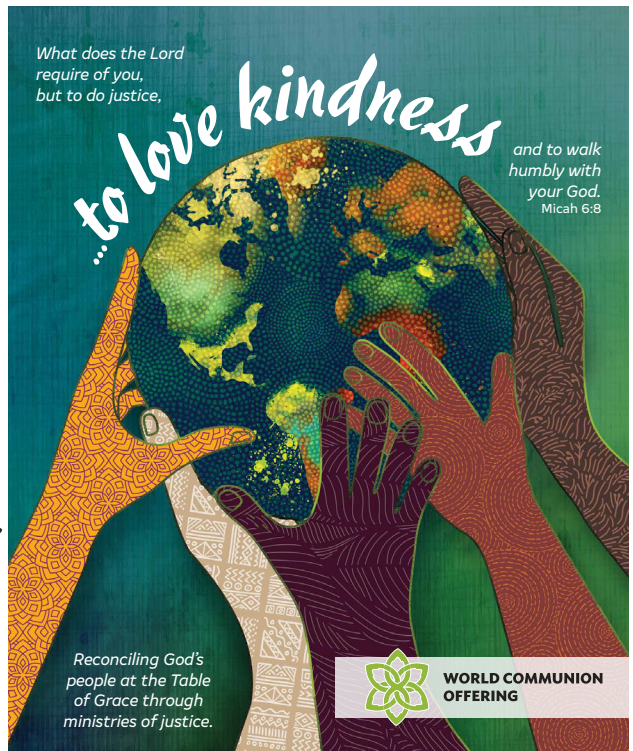


A Taste of Italy Progressive Dinner

Community Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 pm

Sign up in the narthex!



Community Presbyterian Church will collect the World Communion Offering on October 4th!