

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



October 18, 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

Jesus entered a home where Martha welcomed him and Mary sat at his feet.

Lord, teach us to make room for your presence.

Many things compete for our attention, and many responsibilities fill our days.

Yet one thing is needed: to receive the presence and word of Christ.

Come with your work, your worries, your schedules, and your unfinished tasks.

We bring our whole lives and make room for God.

Today we declare together:

I AM MAKING ROOM. One thing is needed. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Welcoming Christ, you entered the home of Martha and Mary and brought your presence into ordinary life. Enter our lives again today. Quiet our hurry, loosen our grip on endless tasks, and teach us to recognize what is truly necessary. As the busy seasons ahead approach, create holy space within us for worship, prayer, Scripture, relationships, rest, generosity, and attentive love. May we make room for you so that everything else finds its proper place. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 12

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Patient God, we confess that our lives are crowded. We fill our schedules until prayer becomes an afterthought, worship competes with convenience, and people we love receive only what is left of our attention.

**We become worried and distracted by many things.
Sometimes even our service for you becomes so busy
that we forget simply to be with you.**

Forgive us.

**Reorder our desires, calm our anxious striving,
and help us choose what gives life.**

Make room within us for the presence of Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news: Jesus does not shame the weary or turn away the distracted.

He calls us back to grace and invites us again into his presence.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord Jesus, as we hear your Word, help us sit at your feet with open hearts. Lay aside our distractions, quiet our inward lists, and give us attention for what you want to say. May your Word become the one thing that reorders all the other things in our lives. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me Oil in My Lamp
by Kyle Pederson

CPC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38–42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

SERMON

Making Room for God

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 324 *For All the Faithful Women*



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful



lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

Christ welcomes the whole of our lives, including what delights us and what burdens us. Let us make room for one another by sharing our joys and concerns in the presence of God. *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

Making room for God also means making room for generosity. Our offerings create space for worship, care, mission, teaching, hospitality, and service. With grateful hearts, let us offer our gifts to God.

DOXOLOGY GTG 697

Take My Life

vs. 1 and 4

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance, receive these gifts and free us from anxious striving. Use what we offer to create room for people to encounter Christ, receive care, grow in faith, and experience your love. Receive our time, attention, resources, and lives, and order them according to your grace. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 547

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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*BENEDICTION

Go now without carrying every burden as though everything depended on you. Make room for God. Make room for people. Make room for prayer, rest, wonder, and love. Remember: I AM MAKING ROOM. One thing is needed.

May Christ dwell richly in your hearts, may God order your days with grace, and may the Holy Spirit give you peace. Go in peace. Amen.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

At the Home of Mary and Martha

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42 (NIV).



G J N K K K W M Q Q E A P A I
M Y E W M R I O Z W X E D G E
H A L S E W N I R O I M A R Y
Y N R T U E V P F R X P V G P
U C S T K S E Z R K I P K T R
I I R A H N E E D E D E R H E
S J T D L A U P S E T Y D I P
B D I S C I P L E S R V T N A
E F R R V U N R E M A D E G R
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E S S L Q U M L F G D C O G I
R I L P Y C Y H A E N F O T O
K A W O M A N T E G U X A S N
E Z D N J S H N H Q E N F Q P

VILLAGE	THING	MARTHA	FEET	HELP
SISTER	PREPARATION	WORK	NEEDED	BETTER
WOMAN	UPSET	JESUS	TAKEN	NEEDED
DISCIPLES	WORRIED	MADE	MARY	CHOSEN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



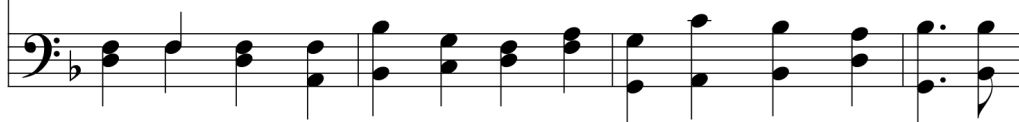
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
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The Mission Tithing Committee has decided to use part of the funds from the gifts made to CPC by Margaret Nelson and Ron and Penny Murray to fund a matching grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Channel One's to current \$100,000.00 matching grant drive.



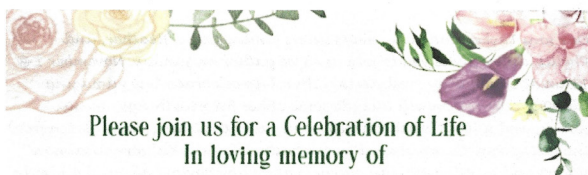
Channel One is trying to meet the needs of the community, but with rising food costs and rising numbers of people who need food from Channel One, the need is great. Please donate to Channel One's matching grant program as soon as possible. You can mail the check directly to them or go on their website. (See the letter on the next page)

Channel One Regional Food Bank

131 35th St. SE

Rochester, MN 55904

<https://www.helpingfeedpeople.org/>



Please join us for a Celebration of Life
In loving memory of

Amy Girard Ward

Sunday November 1, 2026 at 11:00am

Community Presbyterian Church

3705 Fairway Pl NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Please RSVP Cal Ward by October 12
with the number of guests in your party

Email: cward42@charter.net
Landline voicemail: 507-252-8251



Dear Friends,

Our sons Tucker and Luke, Amy's sisters Linda, Kathy, Heather, and Phyllis, and I invite you to join us as we gather on Sunday, November 1st at 11:00 am at CPC to celebrate Amy's amazing life. Our celebration will include some of her favorite things - music, stories, and a light luncheon with some favorite dishes (many gluten-free) including Pad Thai prepared by our pastor's family, California Salmon Sliders and mini vegetarian quiches catered by Novios Cafe, and a family friend's Tres Leches cake. - Cal

The RSVP was October 12, but if you missed it - call Cal and see if you can get added to the list!

Worship on November 1 will be at 10:00 am. Communion will be celebrated November 8.

From Channel One:

Your neighbor doesn't have enough to pack a lunch today - but your gift DOUBLES to change that.



How many lunches have you packed in your life? It's a typical task for many who go to work or school.

But chances are, you live very close to someone facing hunger. Currently, 1 in 5 Minnesota and Wisconsin residents don't have enough food to pack for today's lunch - some for the very first time in their life.

You can help change that! A loyal, anonymous partner of Channel One Regional Food Bank will match every donation up to \$100,000, multiplying your efforts to help neighbors facing the gut-wrenching choice between food and other basics.

That's why it's so important to join forces with other community members and make a gift today. Every gift to bring emergency food support to neighbors DOUBLES this month, up to \$100,000. Imagine the difference we will make together!

Your gift of \$36 will DOUBLE to help feed 16 children for a week. \$52 will help DOUBLE to feed a local family for six weeks. \$83 DOUBLES to help feed 18 seniors for two weeks, and just \$135 DOUBLES to help feed 14 neighbors for a full month!

Would you help ensure every neighbor can access the food they need right now through a gift that will be matched?

Your partnership with Channel One will provide nutritious food options to any neighbor facing hunger throughout 14 counties - from Faribault to Goodhue, Winona to LaCrosse in Wisconsin.

Three key areas guide our work: building awareness, empathy, and action around hunger; providing a dignity-first experience to anyone needing help; and ensuring economic stability in all our efforts.

**Donate online at <https://www.helpingfeedpeople.org/donate>
Or mail a check payable to Channel One Regional Food Bank,
131 35th St. SE, Rochester, MN 55901**



October Sermon Series

**“A People Made Ready: Growing Deeper in Christ
as We Prepare to Welcome Him Anew”**

Series Scripture:

“to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:17

OCTOBER 18, 2026 — “MAKING ROOM FOR GOD”

Scripture: Luke 10:38–42 | Theme: I AM MAKING ROOM. | One thing is needed.

Sometimes the things that distract us are not bad things at all—they are good responsibilities, good work, and good intentions that have filled every available space. In the home of Martha and Mary, Jesus gently names the danger of being “worried and distracted by many things” and points us again toward the one thing that is needed: his presence. Before the busy seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas arrive, this Sunday invites us to ask: Is there room in my schedule, my attention, and my heart for Christ? Come and discover how making room for God can reorder everything else.

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



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Sunday, October 18

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online

This week:

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 am PW Bible Study - onsite and online

<https://meet.google.com/wpx-tsra-ppg>

Or dial: (US) +1 316-416-2584

PIN: 239 113 939#

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

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

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 24

10:00 am Great Room Use: Rental

Sunday, October 25

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online



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

Preacher	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Liturgist	Dave Copeland
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