

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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**June 28, 2020**

*Welcome to worship this morning!*

*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, leave your daily labors;  
Come, leave your burdens behind;  
Come, here is rest and renewal.

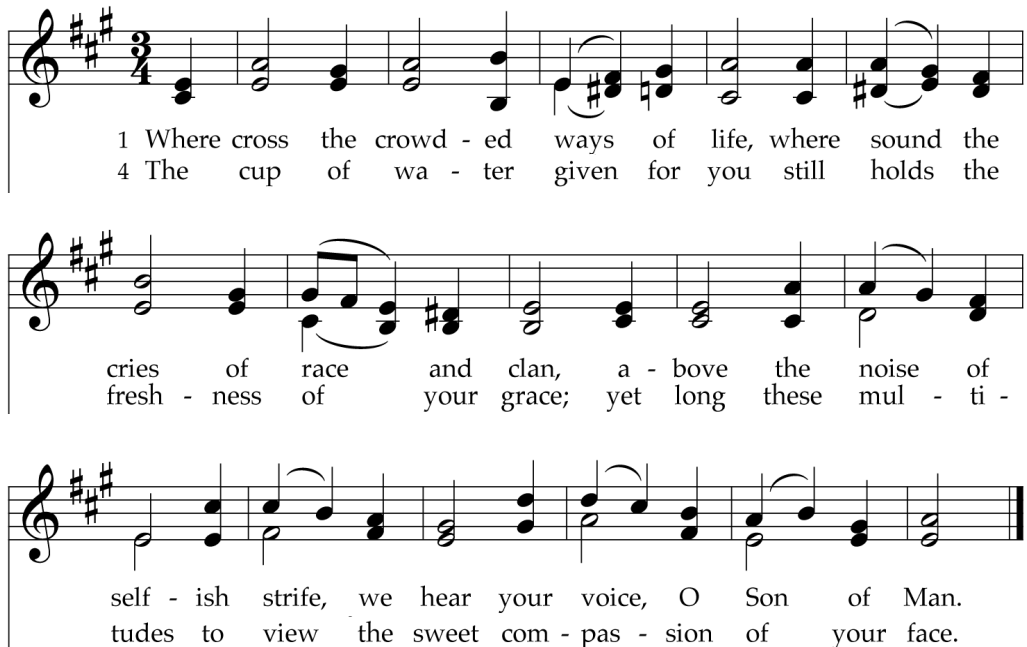
**Our hearts are ready to receive God's life-giving Word.**

Come into the presence of the Beloved:

**We praise God—the sender and the sent.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 343 When Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

*verses 1 & 4*



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

**Trusting in God's grace, let us examine our lives.**

## CONFESSION

**God, you send us out to witness your people's plight;  
And then to embody your justice, kindness, and mercy.  
Yet we shrink from your call  
to serve as messengers of your love.  
We cling to safe surroundings  
and turn from the demands of discipleship.  
Forgive us, we pray. Give us courage,  
and send us again to live your good news.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Old Rugged Cross*  
by George Bennard

Miranda Larson

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

### PSALM 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;  
**my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Beloved,  
**for God has dealt bountifully with me.**

SCRIPTURE READING                      Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL READING                              Matthew 10:40-42

As Jesus sent the disciples out, he encouraged them, saying, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

SERMON


Pastor Jan

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE


HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised


verses 1 and 3



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

*(In lieu of a time of offering, people are invited to unmute one by one and share something that has inspired gratitude or given them hope in this past week; when all who desire to do so have spoken, we will collectively pray in response.)*

## PRAYER

God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our own lives before you; we give our lives to you. In this time of global crisis, we give thanks for all your continued care, not for us alone, but for your whole suffering and precious world. We are yours, today and eternally.

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 767

Together We Serve

*verses 1 and 2*



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

God, the Three-in-One, the eternal dance of self-giving love,  
Calls us out of ourselves and into communion with all people;  
And sends us out in the power of the Spirit to welcome all.

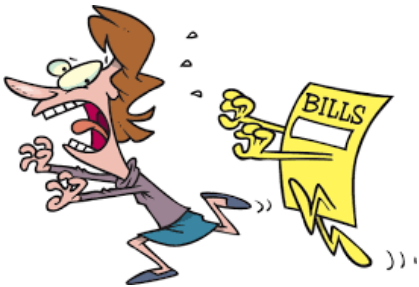
**Thanks be to God.**

May God the Creator bless you;  
May God the Son walk with you;  
May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

**Amen**

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**Are you facing financial stress?**  
Through our Community-Based Ministry Support Grant (see p. 4 of the July Newsletter), we are offering limited funds to assist with groceries or other basic needs to any of our members/ friends that have such a need on a first come/first serve basis. Please email or call the church office or contact anyone on the Finance Committee, Kim Nickander, Joanne Powell or Mark Pillers.



## Allies & Advocates Diversity Council

Rochester's Diversity Council is offering CPC a special 90-minute skills-building event: "**Allies & Advocates** is an interactive, scenario-based training that provides individuals with the opportunity to learn about and practice responses to incidents they may encounter in their daily lives. The session provides tools and tactics to interrupt bias and hate through effective deescalation, respectful intervention, and social accountability." More information is available at [www.diversitycouncil.org](http://www.diversitycouncil.org). Those desiring to participate, please indicate your preference for a weeknight evening or week-end afternoon to Carole Kinion Copeland. Carole's current cell phone is: 507-990-0544 and her email is: [Carole.kinioncopeland@gmail.com](mailto:Carole.kinioncopeland@gmail.com).

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***Watch for a special worship service welcoming Pastor Jan, officially, sometime in July!***

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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, June 28**

9:30 am Online Worship Service

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

**Monday, June 29**

6:00 pm Building Rental: Med City Tai Chi

**Tuesday, June 30**

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

**Wednesday, July 1**

6:30 am Prayer Group

**Friday, June 3**

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

**Sunday, July 5**

9:30 am Online Worship Service



Judy Leal  
Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family  
Connie Holst  
MariLynn Johnson  
Vera Atkinson's great-grandson,  
Kaiden Nelson

*To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at  
507-280-9291 or  
email [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).  
For emergency pastoral care,  
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

### Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

\* **Tuesday/Friday Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Margie Petersen
Special Music	Miranda Larson
IT Support	Ronda and Bill Marshall