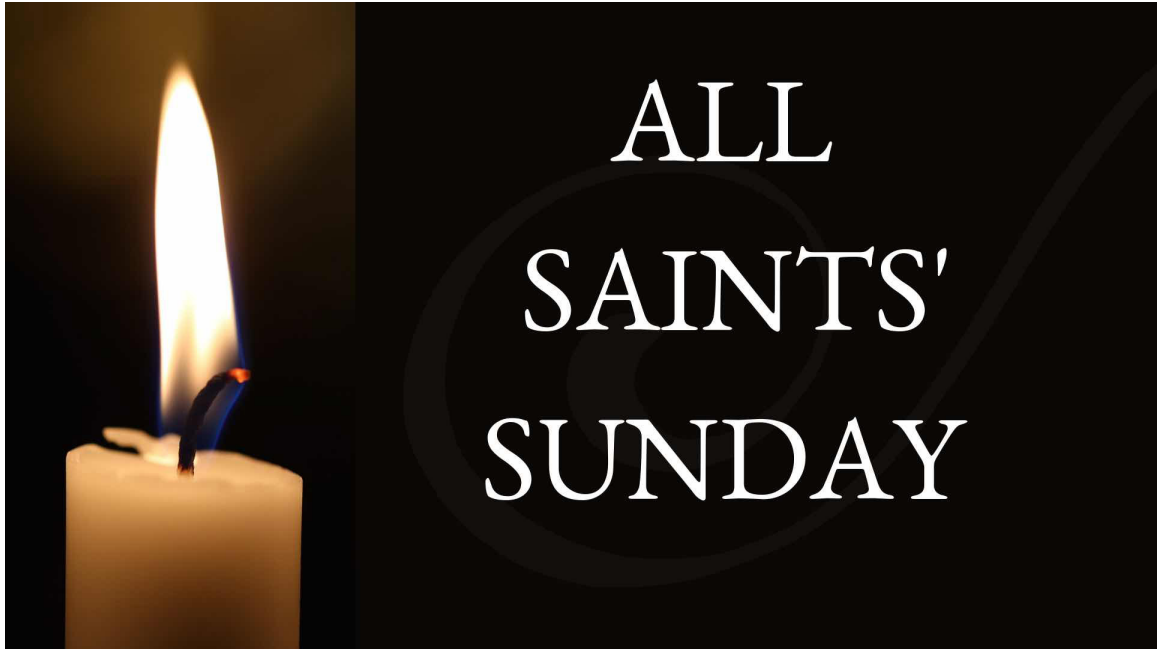


Community Presbyterian Church
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November 1, 2020

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

We hope to see you again soon!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! A vast multitude—
citizens of every nation, speakers of every tongue—
standing before the throne of the Lamb.
See how they dwell within God's temple,
in the shelter of One who wipes away their tears.
We join our voices with these saints
and with the choir of angels, who forever sing God's praise:

**Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

OPENING HYMN GTG 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

vs. 1 and 2



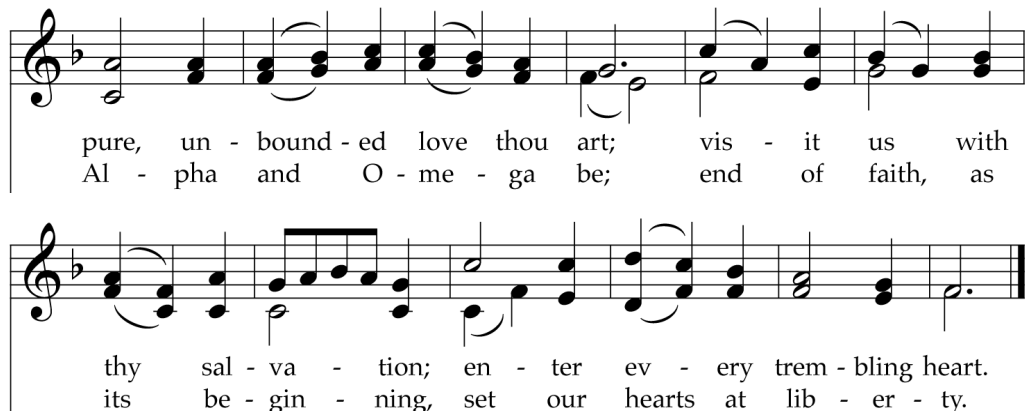
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

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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

“The kingdom belongs to the hopeless,” you tell us;

and, “How honorable are those who mourn.”

Sometimes, we disregard those among us who are poor in spirit,
rather than surrounding them with our care.

When we shy away from those who yearn for compassion
because of our own discomfort or distress,

forgive us.

When we rush past those searching for hope
because we do not have the “right” words to say,

forgive us.

God, break open our hardened hearts.

**Grant us the grace to turn toward others with loving kindness,
and help us be instruments of healing and wholeness.**

The language of this prayer is inspired, in part, by Margaret Aymer's rewording of the Beatitudes in Confessing the Beatitudes (Horizons Bible Study, 2011).

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

Esto les Digo

composed by Kinley Lange

St. Thomas More Collegiate Chamber Singers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the fire of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to your word, O God. Help us to hear your voice and follow your paths all the days of our lives. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

RESPONSIVE READING adapted from Psalm 34

I will bless you, my God, at all times; your praise will fill my mouth.

My soul boasts in you; let the humble hear and be glad.

Taste and see, touch and feel the presence of the Beloved.

When I looked for help, you answered me, and saved me from my fears.

Those who look to you radiate kindness; their faces shine with compassion.

Taste and see, touch and feel the presence of the Beloved.

When this poor soul cried, you heard, and saved me from every trouble.

Your angel encamps around those who know you, and delivers them.

Taste and see, touch and feel the presence of the Beloved.

Taste and see that God is good; happy are those who take refuge there.
You saints, show reverence; for those who revere the Comforter lack nothing.

Taste and see, touch and feel the presence of the Beloved.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when the Holy One is revealed, we will be holy too, for we will see Holiness in truth. And all who have this hope may purify themselves, just as our Redeemer is pure.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12 (sung)
GTG 172 Blest Are They

All five verses will be sung by Meg; congregation joins on the refrain following each verse

Refrain

All



Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;



ho - ly are you! Re - jice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

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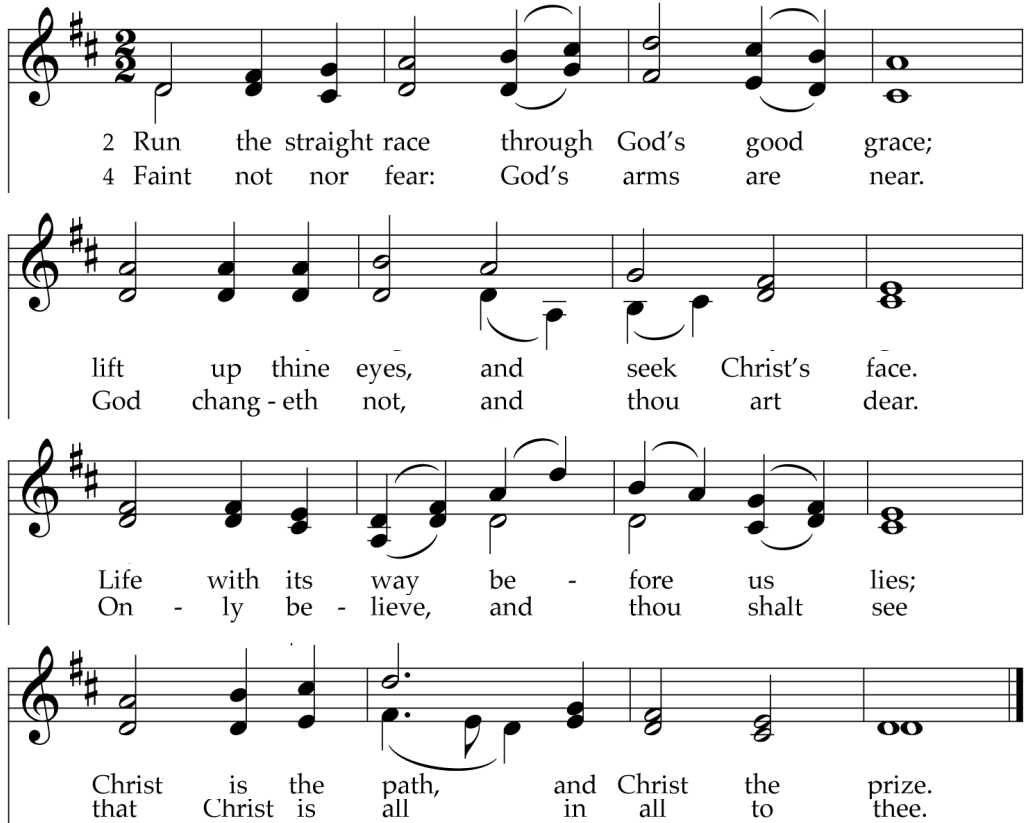
SERMON

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 846

Fight the Good Fight (vs. 2 and 4)



2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
God chang-eth not, and thou art dear.

Life with its way be - fore us lies;
On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
that Christ is all in all to thee.

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STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Ronda Marshall

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit of Love be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to our God;

Let us give thanks to the One who holds our souls in life;

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and a good and joyful thing, to offer thanks and praise to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend;...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the heavenly choir with all the saints in glory:

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG 594

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy *refrain only*

Refrain/Estrillo



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly is our God,



God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho-ly, ho - ly is our God.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly is our God.



God, the Lord of all of his - tory. Ho-ly, ho - ly is our God.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you, Holy One, for you stoop to fill our emptiness with your grace and truth; you have filled us with your very life. Now send us out to share these gifts with others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

vs. 3 and 4

BLESSING AND CHARGE

The God I AM, who was and is and is to come,
is with us in Christ Jesus.

The blessing of the triune God be with you all!

Jesus says: Remember, I am with you always,

To the end of the age.

Thanks be to God.



***Jubellation Handbell
Choir begins rehearsals
this Wednesday, November
4, at 6:30 pm. They will
continue to meet each week
through November 18,
planning to play for wor-
ship on Sunday, November
22nd. Happy ringing!***

STEWARDSHIP and DOUGHNUTS!!


Sunday November 15th is DOUGHNUT SUNDAY!!

Also known as the annual Stewardship Drive. This year we challenge you to see how many “DOUGH”NUT\$ you can add to your 2021 pledge. If a traditional DOUGHNUT cannot be added to your pledge, let the traditional Long John “DOUGH”NUT guide you. We know that decisions should not be made on an empty stomach, so come and join us on the COVID edition of Stewardship Sunday, drive-by style!! In addition to the normal operating pledging, we also have an opportunity for Mission directed pledging available on your pledge card. Our tradition of DOUGHNUTS from OTT’s Bakery in Byron continues!! Pull up to the front doors of the church to drop off your pledge and be greeted by a cheerful finance committee member AND a DOUGHNUT between 11:00 and 12:00 Sunday November 15th!! Deliveries can also be arranged, contact Kim Nickander at kkn3163@gmail.com or Mark Pillers at 507-289-6494 (home) to arrange details.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less




life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, November 1

9:30 am Online Worship Service
With Communion

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, November 2

10:00 am PW Bible Study

Tuesday, November 3

12:00 pm Conference Call *

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:00 pm Brain Injury Support Group

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, November 4

6:30 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, November 6

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, November 8

9:30 am Online Worship Service



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and
the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Jennifer Hall's mother, Karen

Sue Chipman

Ann Siverling

Glenna's mother and sister,
Murilla and Annie

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at
507-280-9291 or
email office@pcrochester.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#

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Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
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Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

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