

Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



May 8, 2022

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of love, Creator of life, we hear your voice.

You call to us in love, and we answer.

Christ of love, shepherd of your sheep, you lead us out in love.

You walk in love, and we follow you.

Holy Spirit, breath of love, you give us life that cannot be taken from us.

You enliven us now to worship you, and to go forth to serve in love. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN GTG 485

We Know that Christ Is Raised

vs. 1, 2, and 4



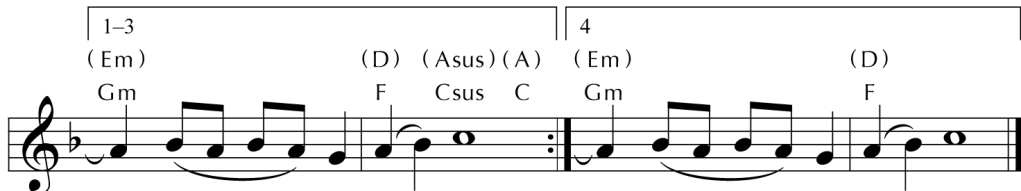
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

**We believe in God, creator of all: The two legged, the four legged,
The winged ones and those that crawl upon the earth,
And swim in your waters.
We believe in God, Who Walked With Us;
Our Brother born in humbleness
Who lived and died for us and Who will come again to bring us to glory,
Ever present, ever guiding, and upholding us,
Showing us the principles to live by,
Whose voice we hear through the prophets you have given us.
Creator, One Who Walked With Us, and Spirit With Us, Holy One:
We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,
All of us related, your children,
We watch for signs of your homecoming
And thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.**

From <http://www.lutheranssw.org/wp-content/uploads/Native-American-Resources09-2016.pdf>

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace, when we are lost you give us direction. When we are defeated you give us courage. When we are weak you give us strength. When we are dead you raise us to life. Come to the place in our hearts where we are in need, and take our hand, and raise us up with your Word. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-17

In John's vision during his time of exile on the island of Patmos, he reports seeing wonders in heaven and on earth.

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.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING John 10:22-30

Jesus has been teaching and healing in Jerusalem; those who heard him were divided in their opinion. Was he delusional, or worse—or could he be the answer to their hopes?

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him

and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Isaacson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

vs. 1 and 2

1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give
lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my
found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

all verses

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'My Shepherd Will Supply My Need'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are provided below each system of music.

He brings my wan-dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o - ver - flows; your oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May you be at peace with Christ, our savior and our ruler.
 May you be at peace with all that is wounded in you.
 May you be at peace with all people, and all Creation.
 May we all be at peace with those who oppose us
 as we resist injustice.
 May the Spirit be at work in your life
 as you go forward from this day.
 In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself.
Amen.

POSTLUDE



We welcome Pastor Tom Isaacson as our worship leader today. He is an ELCA pastor who served parishes in Lake Mills and Waterloo Iowa, Mt Horeb Wisconsin and Zumbrota Minnesota. He was in the parishes for 28 years before his retirement eight years ago.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, May 8

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, May 10

Office Closed

12:00 pm NO Conference Call *

6:30 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, May 11

Office Closed

6:30 am Prayer Group

7:00 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 15

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

12:30 pm Spring Fling



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny and
Ed's mother, Helen

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughters,
Teresa and Carla

Margie Petersen

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

For emergency pastoral care, call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.

Pastor Jan is out of the office April 30- May 13. The office will be closed May 3-15. Stephanie will be on vacation, as well. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time, please call Ann Siverling at 507-993-2969.

Online Worship: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am
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Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Tom Isaacson
Liturgist	Frank Jones
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Bruce Felger