

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

June 2, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

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



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who has searched us and knows us, who is acquainted with all our ways,  
that God calls us each by name.

**Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!**

The God who liberated slaves from Egypt, the Lord of the Sabbath who bids us rest,  
that God empowers us to make Jesus' life visible in our very bodies.

**Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!**

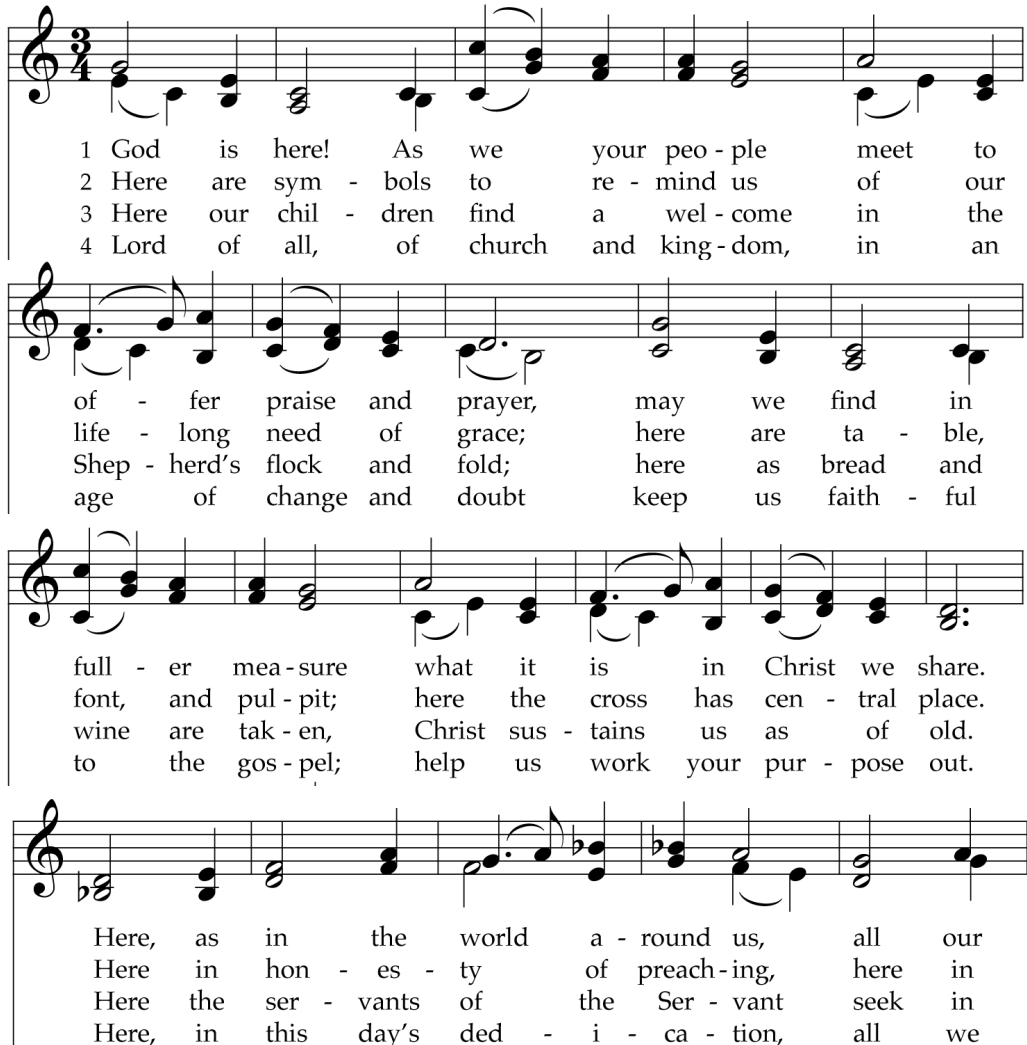
Let us sing aloud to God, our strength, and shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of Creation and Sabbath, You know us better than we know ourselves. You formed our inward parts and wrote the book of all our days; you made the Sabbath for us and revealed to us your glory and our identity in the face of Jesus Christ, who healed and fed his people. May we accept your invitation to Sabbath rest, not a rest that comes after all that we can accomplish, but the rest of those who have been set free, even as you bring about a world in which all creation can cease from striving, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN GTG 409

## God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an  
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful  
full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.  
Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.  
 Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Holy, triune God, we confess  
 that we have not lived for your glory.  
 You call us to love and serve you,  
 but we do not heed your voice.  
 You offer us restoration in Christ,  
 but we turn away from your good gifts.  
 Forgive us, God of grace.  
 Reveal the treasure of heavenly life  
 hidden in our fragile human hearts,  
 so that your love may shine in us;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 139:1-9, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,**

**O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
**even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
**In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Simple Gifts*

arranged by Heather D. Zurcher

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might

accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Julie

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

*Romans 12:1*

*An offering plate is placed near the back of the room to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.*

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
 dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
 sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

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 Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You seek us out and call to us; you give us vision and purpose; you strengthen us to respond: Here I am. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS GTG 595

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

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Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Jesus is the Lord of the sabbath—  
he has the power to feed and heal us,  
and to raise us up from death to life.  
The words of institution are included here.  
Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
as we share this joyful feast.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and cup;  
make us one in the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Help us to proclaim the life of Christ  
and to share the treasure of your grace,  
that all may know your goodness and glory.  
Through the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory,  
now and forever. Amen.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, holy be your name.  
Impose your reign that we may do your will, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today this one day's bread.  
Forgive our wrongs as we forgive those who do wrong against us.  
Save us from our temptations and keep us from doing evil,  
For the Realm, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

### THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake. Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.*

### HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 497

### Bread of Life from Heaven *refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we  
eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. **Amen.**


## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 547


Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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."  
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

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### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the blessing of the Trinity— holy, holy, holy Lord—  
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here I am; send me!" **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

**Come Worship in the sun and enjoy our Garden of Life!  
Sunophobe? Bring your umbrella!**

# OUTDOOR WORSHIP



**Volunteers to help set up required!**

*Outdoor Services Starting on June 9*

*(also July 14, August 11 and September 9)*

*HELP is needed to set up and put things away....*

*see Bruce or Ivy for questions regarding how you can help!*

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Come learn about ISIAH's plan to tackle the Housing Problem in Olmsted County  
Thursday, June 13, 6-7:30pm  
Peace United Church of Christ  
1503 2nd Ave NE, Rochester

What if we treated housing like a human right? In 2020, Olmsted County was forecasted to need 18,000 additional units of housing by 2030. With higher growth due to Mayo Clinic's expansion, the need will be even greater. Olmsted County is a leader in Minnesota for its commitment to locally owned and controlled housing that is permanently affordable, targeted to a range of incomes, and democratically controlled so that residents have a voice in the operation of the housing.

AN AGENDA FOR THOUSANDS OF HOMES BY 2030

Homes for Our Neighbors ISIAH

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RSVP

Learn about how Olmsted County is leading on housing, and call on community leaders to dream even bigger to address our urgent need for affordable, healthy, and climate-friendly homes.

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## Sunday, June 2

9:30 am **Worship with Communion**  
- Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

## Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 14

8:00 am Building Usage: Med City Driving

## Tuesday, June 4

12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

## Wednesday, June 5

9:00 am Prayer Group

## Thursday, June 6

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

## Sunday, June 9

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughters Jenny & Elissa  
Connie Holst  
Vera Atkinson, Karen and Pastor  
Carla and their family  
The family of Ron Murray  
Dick Massaro  
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline  
Roland Ronningen and his parents  
Mary Alice Richardson

*To be added to the prayer list, please  
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org or the office: 507-280-9291 or via  
email: [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org). Emergency  
Pastoral Support: Pastor Carla Nelson:  
507-254-1254*

### Church Staff

Bridge Pastor	Rev. Carla Nelson
Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Julie Beck
Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Special Music	
IT Support	Louis Bouchard