

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

May 12, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues:

Bold indicates congregational response,

* indicates please stand, if able



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

**We long for abiding peace
and friendship that renews our souls.**

Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

We seek wisdom that endures and guidance for our journey.

Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

We come to encounter Christ.

Let us worship our God!

OPENING HYMN GTG 22

God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are not here to pass judgment on each other; all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us go before God as we offer our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our judge,
 we admit we have double standards.
 We seek forgiveness for ourselves,
 but fail to forgive others.**

**We seek relief for ourselves,
but fail to seek relief for others.
We seek leniency for ourselves,
but fail to show that mercy to others.
Forgive us, mighty God,
and help us to forgive,
showing others the same grace and mercy
that you have generously shown to us.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our sins from us.
Thanks be to God!**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 90: 1,2,14,16-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Arr. Douglas Wagner

CPC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

This we declare by the Word of the Lord, who died and rose again, and is coming in glory to reign forever.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Carla

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING

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 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them.

Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – 167 until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

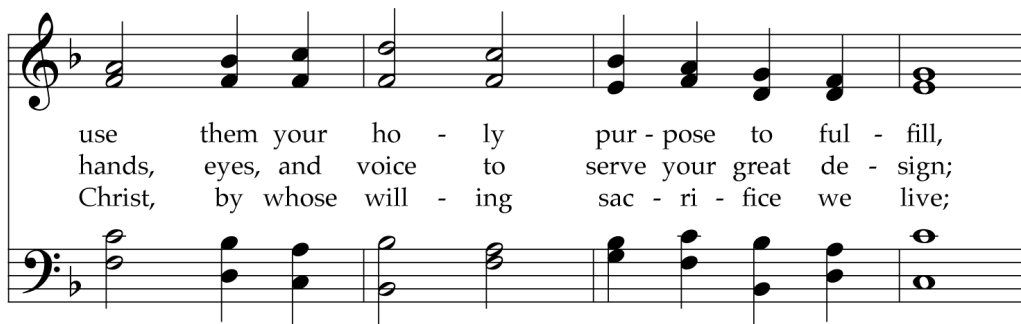
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 711

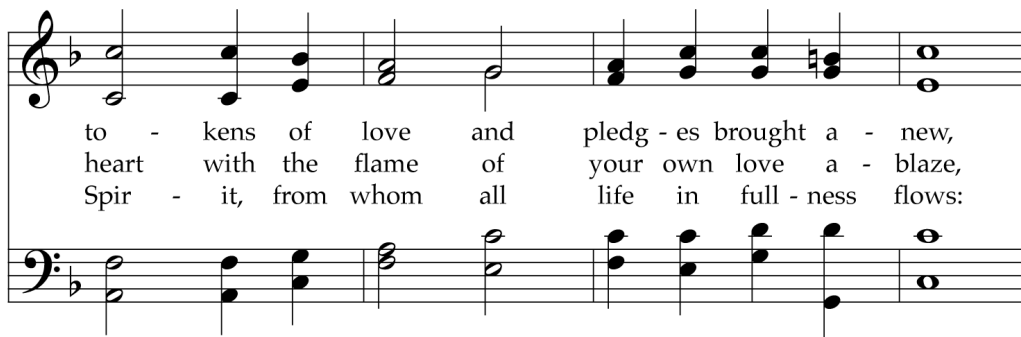
Lord of All Good



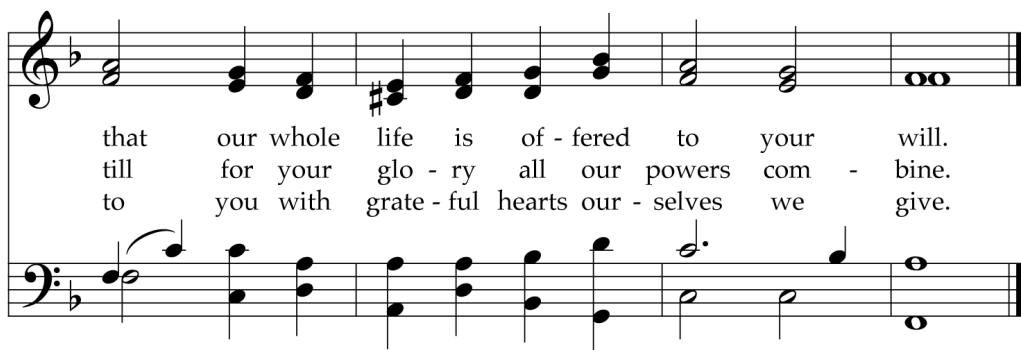
1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un-der-stand your ways;
 3 Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;



use them your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de-sign;
 Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;



to-kens of love and pledg-es brought a-new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a-blaze,
 Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows:



that our whole life is of-fered to your will.
 till for your glo-ry all our powers com-bine.
 to you with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.

* BENEDICTION

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come - first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega - be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

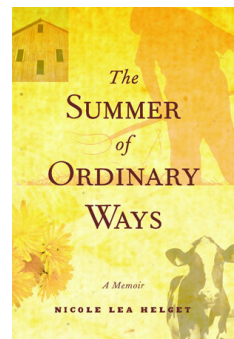
Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, May 19th, following worship. They will discuss *The Summer of Ordinary Ways: a Memoir* by Nicole Lea Helget.



***Sunday, May 19th,
Music Appreciation Sunday!***

The musicians at Community Presbyterian Church bless the congregation and the worship services with their music. Recently, we welcomed Jennifer Taylor to CPC to lead this area. CPC looks forward to more wonderful music!

Be sure to attend worship on Sunday, May 19th, when we recognize the contribution our musicians make to CPC!

The Pentecost Special Offering will also be collected on Sunday, May 19th.

Pentecost is one of the most significant holidays on the church calendar. It is the day churches celebrate the birthday of the church, and it is an opportunity to recommit to the church's mission and ministry right here in Rochester and around the globe! It's a joyous occasion where the Holy Spirit is invited to guide the church toward God's reign through the work together as a faith community.

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Sunday, May 12 **Mother's Day**
9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**
 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, May 13
 6:00 pm Building Use: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, May 14
 12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are Due
 6:30 pm Worship and Music Committee
 7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, May 15
 9:00 am Prayer Group
 7:30 pm CPC Choir

Thursday, May 16
 5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, May 19 **Pentecost**
 Music Appreciation Sunday
9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**
10:40 am **Book Discussion Group**
 2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal
 Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
 especially daughters Jenny & Elissa
 Connie Holst
 Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
 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
 contact the pastor: pastor@cpcrochester.org.
 org or the office: 507-280-9291 or via
 email: 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

Liturgist	Jane Burgstaler
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

From Steve Massaro:

“Please tell the good people of CPC that Nancy’s memorial service will be May 18, 1 pm in Grand Rapids, MN. At this time, I don’t believe it will be streamed on any online sites. Also, if requested by anyone, cards can be sent to: Steve and Joni Massaro at 410 7th Ave SE, Roseau, MN 56751”

Her obituary can be found here (and below):

<https://www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com/obituary/nancy-massaro>

Nancy Elizabeth Massaro, 87, formerly of Grand Rapids, MN, passed away in Rochester, MN on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 wonderful years, Richard Massaro. She will be dearly missed by her children - Tim, Steve (Joni), Andy (Chris) and Liz (John Koehler). Her memory will be cherished by her grandchildren - Carissa, Alex, Amanda, Eric, Suzanna, Tony, Mia and Ashley, as well as 8 great-grandchildren; brother, David Griffin and many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vera and Leslie Griffin; sister, Meredith McMinn; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Born in Colby, Kansas she also lived in Moline, IL, Chicago, IL, Milwaukee, WI, Grand Rapids, MN, Storm Lake, IA and Rochester, MN. Her job as a home economics teacher was well utilized within her life through the delicious food and sewing projects she shared with her family and others. As the wife of a minister, she was a partner with her husband in many volunteer positions in each of the towns they called home at the moment. But her favorite times were spent enjoying the outdoors - especially at the cabin in Northern Minnesota.

Visitation will be on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 12:00 pm at Community Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MN followed by the 1:00 PM memorial service. Pastor Mary Shideler will officiate.





Amazing progress during Spring Fling!

Mop room cleaned up and Gene worked with several LaBranza people to install mop hangers and shelves. Chairs cleaned and vacuumed and hardware tightened. Windows cleaned, apple tree moved, speed bumps re-installed, debris picked up throughout the site, and much more....

Great team effort by CPC members along with LaBranza members. Great meal afterwards by LaBranza.

Thanks to all who could participate!

