

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

**June 30, 2024**

Welcome to worship  
this morning!

Bulletin Cues:

**Bold** indicates  
congregational response,  
\* indicates please stand,  
if able

SPECIAL MUSIC

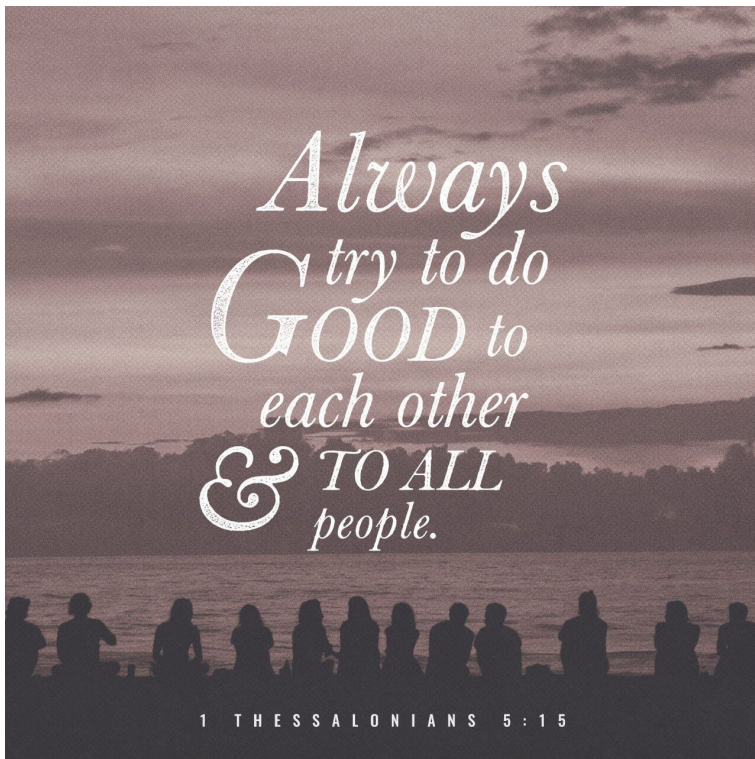
*O Jesulein Süß*

by J.S. Bach

played by Jennifer,  
Tanya and Marilyn

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

by Martin Luther



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Air on a G String* by J.S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we were low,

**God raised us up.**

When we were weak,

**God made us strong.**

When we were weeping,

**God brought us joy.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**God of perfect love,  
you continually bring forth life,  
transforming sadness to joy,  
and despair to hope.**

**We are weak, but you are strong.**

**Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.**

**We are seldom right, but you are never wrong.**

**Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.**

**Take away the sin that burdens us,  
and restore us to the people you would have us be,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, I don't always know how to pray, but you find me anyway.  
I don't always know how to listen, but you are in my ears all the same.  
I don't always know how to believe, but you surround me with beauty and  
I find myself held together in love.  
Where I come from there are so many distractions.  
Where I come from there is so much noise.  
Find me. Hold me. Be in these words. Help me hear. **Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 34: 1-9, 15-18

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord  
and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
**for those who fear him have no want.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers,  
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

I Thessalonians 5: 14-24

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

#### GOSPEL READING

I John 4:11-16

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Arioso* by J.S. Bach

Jennifer, Tanya and Marilyn

SERMON

Pastor Carla

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's good yet refuse to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer our lives and our gifts to the Lord.

*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 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit;  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

## 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 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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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



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  
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 -



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;  
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,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

### \*BENEDICTION

Family of faith,  
as you leave this place, may God grant you  
the curiosity to counter assumptions,  
the vulnerability to befriend,  
the bravery to speak your truth,  
the wisdom to listen,  
the strength to ask for help,  
the resiliency to chose love, even when it's hard,  
and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.  
In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself,  
go in peace.

### POSTLUDE

*Argonaise* from “Carmen” by Georges Bizet

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**Sunday, June 30**

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Tuesday, July 2**

12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

**Wednesday, July 3**

9:00 am Prayer Group

**Thursday, July 4**

**Independence Day, Office Closed**

**Sunday, July 7**

9:00 am Deacons Quarterly Meeting

**9:30 am** Worship with Communion  
- 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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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

Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Special Music	Jennifer Taylor,
	Tanya Roloff and Marilyn Yennie
IT Support	Louis Bouchard