

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



June 9, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We wait for you, O God,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for your steadfast love,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for you to lift the lowly,

more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait for your unexpected grace,

more than those who watch for the morning.

Let us sing of God's holy ways,

the glory of the one for whom we wait.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Steadfast God, you constantly surprise us with unprecedented grace and unexpected redemption, forgiving us when we least deserve it, showing love to those we most despise. Enliven us to keep watch for your love at work in those we demonize, for your power in those we look down upon, and for your deliverance from all the ways that we try to make you conform to the structures and systems we have built. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, who called us to a new way of being. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the melody.

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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.

**You have called us blessed, O God,
 and washed us in the waters of grace.
 You have called us a family, O God,
 and bound us by the presence of your Spirit.**

**Forgive us, O Holy One,
when we try to forget that we belong to you:
when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence,
the myth of supremacy,
or the fear of what might happen
if we placed our trust in something beyond ourselves.
Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your forgiveness,
free us from all that keeps us bound.**

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 8:4-11, 16-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen.

He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! We are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

**you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.**

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Glenna Muir

GOSPEL READING Mark 3:20-35

Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and

plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Carla

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 36

For the Fruit of all Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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 729

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The bass line is on a separate staff below, showing chords and rests.

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, with lyrics underneath. The bass line is on a separate staff below, showing chords and rests.

In my heart, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,
in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

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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



I will give

You thanks

with my whole

heart.

Psalm 138:1



Pastor Carla will begin a series based on the Sanctified Art resource “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask..” on Sunday, June 16th.

“Where are you from?

We believe everyone is beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are messy and beautiful, painful and hopeful -- being written and rewritten over time. We commit to disrupting our assumptions and staying curious.”

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.



Session is looking ahead to the future for Community Presbyterian Church! They are exploring different pastoral models including a shared pastor position. There are several congregations in SE Minnesota that are currently without an installed pastor and are looking to fill a part-time pastoral role. Your prayers for session are appreciated as they explore all of the options for CPC on your behalf!

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Sunday, June 9

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, June 9 (immediately following worship)- Friday, June 14

Pastor Carla will be out of town.

Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14

8:00 am Building Usage: Med City Driving

Monday, June 10

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

Tuesday, June 11

12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, June 12

9:00 am Prayer Group

Thursday, June 13

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, June 16

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

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