

Community Presbyterian Church

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*Welcome to worship this morning! Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Help in using Google Meet for worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus,
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his friends.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Today we gather in our separate homes,
United by phone lines and internet,
technology unimaginable in first century Palestine,
Yet still hoping, trusting to behold the risen Lord.

May our eyes be open to recognize Jesus in our midst.

OPENING HYMN GTG 250 In the Bulb There is a Flower

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Our loving God, we give you thanks for the faith
That sustains us in the midst of fear:
The mystery of confident trust in you,
The hope that no bad news can shake.
Walk with us again today, beyond the sorrow of the cross,
And the surprise of the empty tomb,
Into the love that death cannot destroy.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us daily as we rest in you,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sonata in G (Hamburg Sonata)
by C.P.E. Bach

Nikki Skifton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 116:1,2, 12-19

I love the Lord, because my God has heard my voice and my supplications.
And has inclined an ear to me,

therefore I will call on my deliverer as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all this bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of God's faithful ones.

My God, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the Beloved Name.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day, the day of Jesus' resurrection, two of his disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he

walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Holy Heart to Heart

Rev. Jan Wiersma

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 252 Day of Arising

verses 1,2 and 4



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(In lieu of a time of offering, people are invited to unmute one by one and share something that has inspired gratitude or given them hope in this past week; when all who desire to do so have spoken, we will collectively pray in response.)

PRAYER

God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our own lives before you; we give our lives to you. In this time of global crisis, we give thanks for all your continued care, not for us alone, but for your whole suffering and precious world. We are yours, today and eternally.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 249 Because Your Live, O Christ

*Refrain only after verse 3
next page (insert)*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,

whom death could not contain,

Who lives to disturb and heal us,

Bless you with the power to live the gospel

Wherever you may be on this day of resurrection!

Thanks be to God!

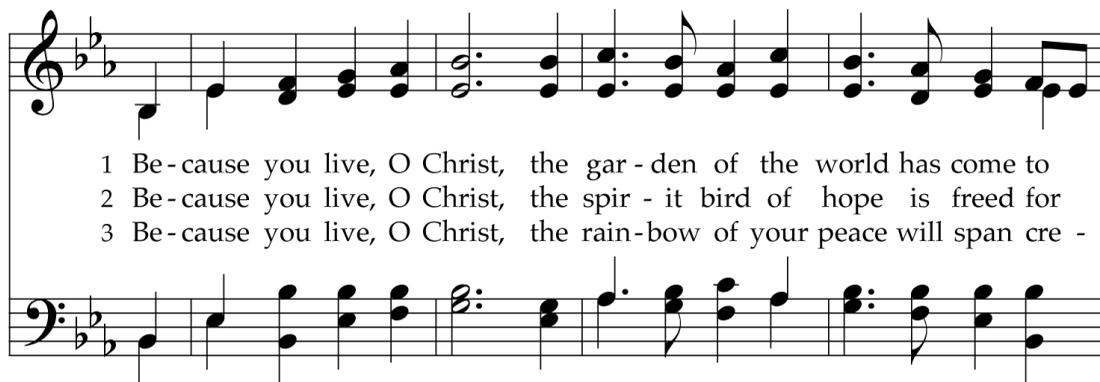
Now whether going forth or staying home,

do everything in Jesus' name,

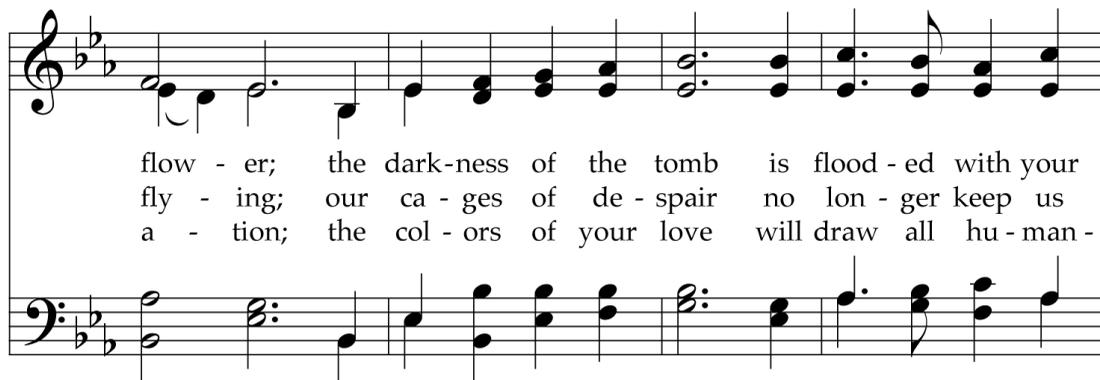
remembering his new commandment

to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

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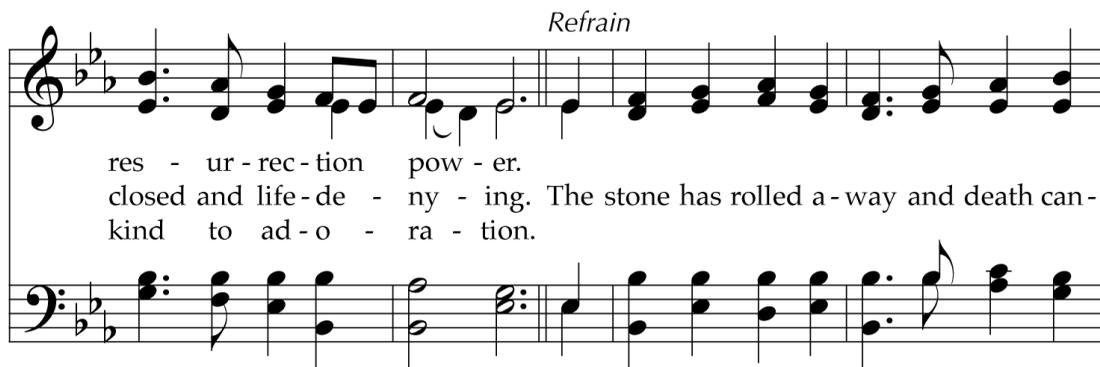


1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to
2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for
3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -



flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your
fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us
a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

Refrain



res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -
kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am Online Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, April 27

10:00 am Online PW Bible Study

Tuesday, April 28

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Sunday, May 3

9:30 am Online Worship Service
with Communion

A friendly reminder: please maintain your pledges, as you are able during this time since the work of the church goes on even when we aren't meeting in person. The mail is taken in daily, so no worries mailing it! There is also an online option on our website, www.cpcrochester.org.

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Daily Conference Call - 12:00 noon**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

PW Bible Study - Monday 10:00 am

<https://meet.google.com/goi-npns-qoj>

+1 405-649-0091 PIN: 970 844 563 #



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Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family

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