

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

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.

We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.

The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear your call and give you praise.

OPENING HYMN GTG 802

The King of Love

verses 1-3

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have gone astray, O Shepherd.

You call us to follow, and we hear your voice.

Yet, we choose to heed other voices—

voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life.

But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy.

Call to us again, O Shepherd.

**Summon us onto right paths to pursue justice in your name,
to seek after the well-being of all.**

Lead us to the table you prepare for us—

where rivals share both bread and blessings and discover there is enough for all.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

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 Acts 2:41-47

Though we are still a few weeks away from Pentecost in the church year, our text from Acts flows from the startling events of that day. People from all over the ancient world had congregated in Jerusalem for a Jewish festival and heard the disciples speaking to them in their own language. Peter seized the moment to tell of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Many were moved to join in what would later be seen as the birth of the church. This text highlights two elements central to Christian life and worship: baptism and communion.

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23 GTG 473

Refrain Fm D^b A^b E^b

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

PSALM 23

Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

Refrain

- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Refrain

- 5 Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.** *Refrain*

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Betwixt and Between

Rev. Jan Wiersma

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 739

O for a Closer Walk with God

verses 1,3, and 4

O for a Closer Walk with God 739

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

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.

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

It is truly right and our great joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. ...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (GTG 552) Holy, Holy, Holy

verse 1

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED/ COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord.
Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 802

The King of Love

verses 4-6

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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(Psalm 23)

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, and then a series of chords. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff: G4, A4, Bb4. The bass staff continues with chords and a moving bass line.

com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

The third system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The treble staff ends with a half note G4, and the bass staff ends with a half note G2. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, May 3

9:30 am Online Worship Service
with Communion

THIS WEEK AT CPC

* Daily Conference Call at 12:00 pm
(see contact information below)

Monday, May 4

10:00 am Online PW Bible Study

Tuesday, May 5

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:00 pm Brain Injury Support Group (?)

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee (?)

Sunday, May 10

9:30 am Online Worship Service

*Online Worship only will continue
at least through May 31.*

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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

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