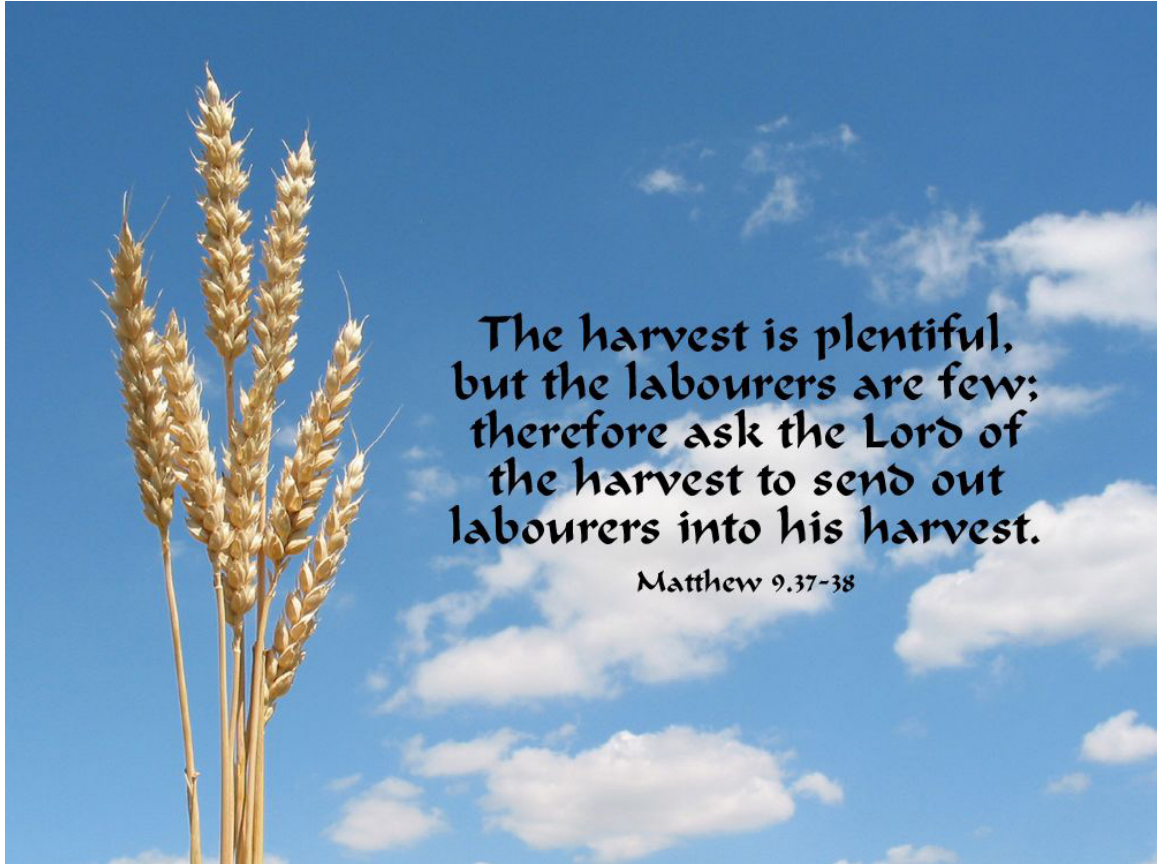


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The harvest is plentiful,  
but the labourers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of  
the harvest to send out  
labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9.37-38

**June 14, 2020**

*Welcome to worship this morning!*

*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we have strayed or followed faithfully,

**God welcomes us now.**

Whether we seek healing or offer compassion,

**God welcomes us now.**

Whether exhausted from journeys or renewed and refreshed,  
we gather to hear the good news:

**The kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*verses 1 and 2*

# There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

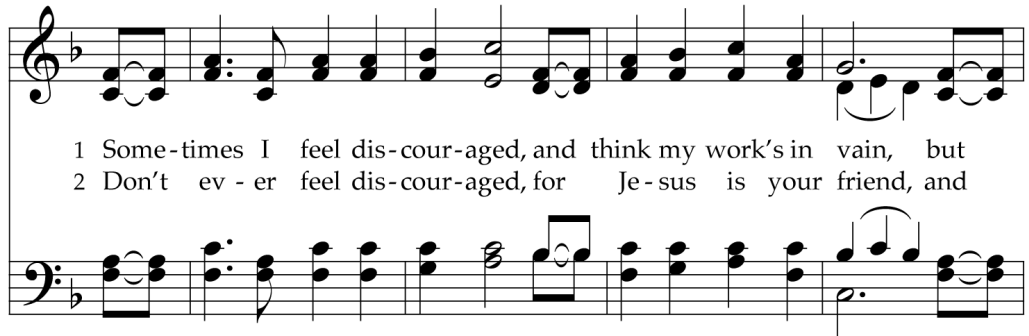


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

*Fine*



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and

*to Refrain*



then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a  
if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a

## CALL TO CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

**Trusting in God's grace, let us examine our lives.**

## CONFESSION

**Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom  
to all who are lost, all who are afflicted,  
all who are captive, all who have been cast out.**

**But we are content to speak of the coming of your kingdom  
within familiar communities, where the good news is old news.  
Forgive us; push us beyond what is comfortable and safe  
to go out and live as compassionate witnesses to your love.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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, you are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives  
until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:6-9

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to remove the knee from the neck of the poor,  
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
to bring the homeless ones into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your advocate shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.

RESPONSIVE READING                      adapted from PSALM 116

I love my God, who has heard my voice and listened to my prayer,  
Who has not betrayed my trust:

**Therefore, I will call on my God as long as I live.**

When fear was all around, and grief quenched my spirit,  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called, "Holy One, save my life!"**

Our God is gracious and righteous, full of tender love.  
When I was lost and despairing, the Beloved saved me.

**Be at rest, O my soul; be at peace,**

For God has delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
How can I show my gratitude for all I have received?

**I will call on the name of God, who helps me;**

Remember your love for all you have made,  
Your grief for those who suffer and die.

**I offer you the gift of gratitude, the devotion of a thankful heart.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON                                      Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are given this grace in which we stand.  
We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.  
And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,  
    for suffering produces endurance,  
    and endurance produces character,  
    and character produces hope,  
    and hope does not disappoint us,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still missing the mark,  
    at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
Indeed, hardly ever will anyone die for a righteous person—  
though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.  
    But God proves his love for us in this way:  
    while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL READING                                      Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-10

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and  
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.... “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Old News, New News, Good News*

Pastor Jan

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*verses 1 and 4*



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?



Will you go where you don’t know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world a - round,



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

## 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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

*verses 1 and 2*

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

God, the Three-in-One, the eternal dance of self-giving love,  
Calls us out of ourselves and into communion with all people;  
And sends us out in the power of the Spirit to welcome all.

**Thanks be to God.**

May God the Creator bless you;

May God the Son walk with you;

May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

**Amen**

## 749

## Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.



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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, June 14**

9:30 am Online Worship Service

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

**Monday, June 15**

6:00 pm Building Rental: Med City Tai Chi

**Tuesday, June 16**

**Mission and Witnessing Trip to Minneapolis**

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

**Wednesday, June 17**

6:30 am Prayer Group

6:00 pm Online Confirmation Class

**Friday, June 19**

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

**Saturday, June 20**

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

**Sunday, June 21**

9:30 am Online Worship Service

### Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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

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

\* **Tuesday/Friday Conference Call**

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

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



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Gwen Riggins' niece and family

Meyer Family, on the death of

Dean's father, Alan Meyer

***To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at***

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***email office@cpcrochester.org.***

***For emergency pastoral care,  
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Pastor

Rev. Jan Wiersma

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Meg Cain

Handbell Director

Judy Kereakos

Pianist

Glenna Muir

Custodian

Nancy Sanford

Office Manager

Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

Mark Neville

IT Support

Ronda and Bill Marshall

## Mission and Witnessing trip to Minneapolis

Below are links to the churches we hope to visit with confirmands, members of the Mission Committee, and any others who wish to pay their respects at George Floyd's memorial, Tuesday, June 16. All three churches are distributing necessities of all kinds to their communities. As with Channel One, monetary donations enable churches to buy food in bulk. Checks could be made out to CPC, and the Mission Committee can then write checks to the church or churches. Their lists of other needs change daily, listed on Facebook pages. The church will be open for a day or two to collect material donations before we go; time TBD.

Pastor Jan is also in touch with Pastor Steve Pannkuk who has been volunteering and will provide suggestions, too, if we wish to volunteer.

Bethlehem in the Midway near destroyed Target off University:

<https://www.facebook.com/BLCMidway/>

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Lake St. near destroyed Hiawatha mall:

<https://www.facebook.com/htlcmpls/>


Calvary Lutheran Church, near memorial site (only accepts material donations M-W-F):

<https://www.facebook.com/InThisCityForGood/>

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Rochester's Diversity Council is offering CPC a special 90-minute skills-building event: "**Allies & Advocates** is an interactive, scenario-based training that provides individuals with the opportunity to learn about and practice responses to incidents they may encounter in their daily lives.

The session provides tools and tactics to interrupt bias and hate through effective deescalation, respectful intervention, and social accountability." More information is available at [www.diversitycouncil.org](http://www.diversitycouncil.org). Those desiring to participate, please indicate your preference for a weeknight evening or weekend afternoon to Carole Kinion Copeland.

The logo features the text "Allies & Advocates" in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, the words "Diversity Council" are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The entire text is set against a light blue rectangular background.