

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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**June 21, 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

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord:

**Hear our voice and answer our prayers!**

The word of the Lord is like fire in my bones;

**I am tired of holding it in.**

What does the Holy One require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with our God.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



# 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me  
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

CONFESSION

We Confess: a Prayer for Turning

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**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 20:8-11

Every time I speak, I have to shout.

I am always talking about violence and destruction,

I am telling people the message I received from God.

But people insult me and make fun of me.

Sometimes I say to myself, "I'll just forget about God!

I won't speak in God's name any more."

But if I say that, God's message becomes like a burning fire in me,

Burning me deep in my bones.

I get tired of trying to hold the message inside of me,

Until I'm not able to hold it in at all.

I hear people whispering about me behind my back;

Everywhere I hear things that scare me.

Even my friends are saying things against me,

Waiting for me to make some mistake.

But God is with me, like a strong defender.

The people who oppose me will fall;

They will not defeat me.

God saves the lives of people who need help;

God will save them from the power of the wicked.

RESPONSIVE READING                      based on Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble,  
Therefore we will not be afraid, though the earth should change,  
And the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.**

The nations are in an uproar; kingdoms totter and fall;  
God speaks, and the earth melts -  
But the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.**

Come and see what God has done:  
God makes wars cease, and destroys the weapons of war;  
God says, "Be still, and know that I am God!"

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL TRIP

GOSPEL READING                                      Matthew 10: 26-39

Jesus said, "Have no fear of those who speak evil about you; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound verses 1 and 3

# 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
3 True love will not sit i - dly by when

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the

love are found, there can the church be known.  
home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.

## 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 744

Arise, Your Light Has Come

## 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;

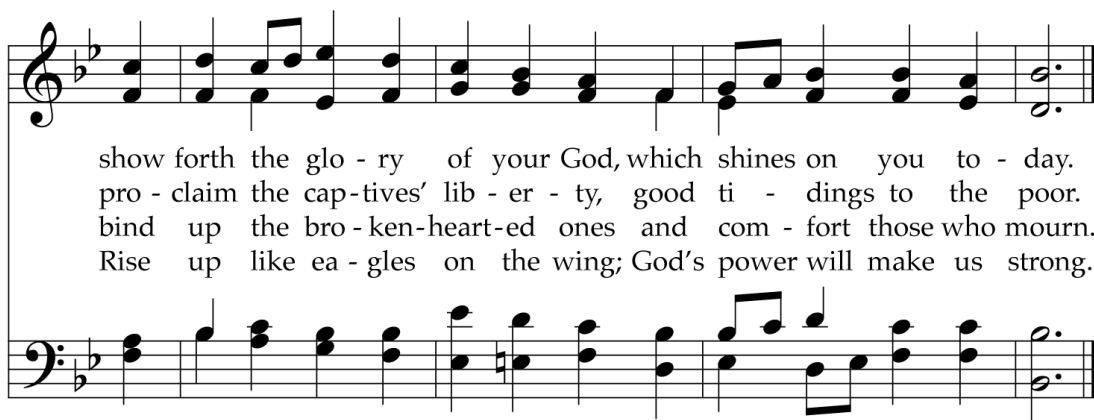
May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

**Amen**

# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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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.

**Thanks to all who contributed to help those affected by recent protests in the Twin Cities. The cause is worthy and the need is great.**

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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, June 21**

9:30 am Online Worship Service

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

**Monday, June 22**

6:00 pm Building Rental: Med City Tai Chi

**Tuesday, June 23**

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:00 pm Session Meeting

**Wednesday, June 24**

6:30 am Prayer Group

6:00 pm Online Confirmation Class

**Friday, June 26**

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

**Saturday, June 27**

**Sunday, June 28**

9:30 am Online Worship Service



Judy Leal  
Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family  
Connie Holst  
MariLynn Johnson  
Meyer Family, on the death of  
Dean's father, Alan Meyer  
Vera Atkinson's great-grandson,  
Caden Nelson

***To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at  
507-280-9291 or  
email [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).  
For emergency pastoral care,  
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

### 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#

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Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Heather Marshall
IT Support	Ronda and Bill Marshall