

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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August 9, 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

Children of God, come to the waters.

We gather to be restored and renewed.

Come, with your faith and with your doubt.

We answer the one who claims and calls us.

Come, Christ summons us to draw near.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

OPENING HYMN GTG 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

vs. 1 and 2



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
an-chor holds with-in the veil.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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

Lord, we long to draw close to you, but we are afraid.

We don't know what awaits us when we step out in faith.

We are wary of taking risks for your sake.

The forces of chaos seem stronger than your promise.

We worry that we won't have enough faith in you,

or in the gifts you've given us, to do the things you ask.

Forgive us Lord, and save us.

Reach out your hand and pull us out of our fear,

So we may follow you faithfully.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Through the Walk of Life
by Matthew Compton

Embellish Handbells

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

adapted from Genesis 37

This is the beginning of the story of Joseph, great-grandson of Abraham, the ancestor of the Hebrew people.

Joseph's father Jacob settled in Canaan, where Abraham had lived as an alien. Jacob had twelve sons but Joseph was his favorite. When Joseph was seventeen, Jacob gave him a beautiful robe, finer than anything his brothers owned. Quite naturally, they were jealous.

They hated him and were nasty to him when Jacob wasn't looking. You might say he deserved it. He flaunted his father's favoritism. He even told them about dreams he had, where all of them were bowing down to him.

The brothers had to take their father's great flocks of sheep far from home to find pasture. Jacob sent Joseph to check on them. They saw him coming from a distance, and seized their chance to get even. They said, "Here comes this dreamer. We can kill him and throw him into a hole in the ground and tell our father a wild animal got him." But Reuben, the oldest, objected, "Let's not kill him, just throw him into this pit." (Reuben planned to rescue him secretly, later on.)

When Joseph showed up, they stripped off his fancy robe, and took him and threw him into a dry water hole. Then they sat down to eat; and along came a caravan of camels bound for Egypt. His brother Judah got the bright idea of selling him for cash and his brothers agreed. They sold him as a slave for 20 pieces of silver. They killed a goat and dipped Joseph's robe in the blood and told their father he had been killed by a wild animal. And Jacob grieved for his son Joseph.

Meanwhile, the traders took Joseph to Egypt where he was sold again, this time to the captain of Pharaoh's guard, an important official. Joseph had some ups and downs in Egypt, too. First, he became the most trusted of all the captain's slaves. Then he was a victim of racism and false accusations and was thrown into prison. But in prison he became known for his ability to interpret dreams. Eventually Pharaoh heard about him, and again put him in a position of authority, just in time. Egypt was about to get in big trouble. This story is....to be continued.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 105:1-2, 16-22

This psalm repeats the story of Joseph, Moses, and how God brought the people of Israel out of slavery into the promised land.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing praise to the Almighty, whose ways are wonderful.

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.
We seek your presence and remember--

Your works, your miracles, and your judgments

When you brought famine against the land, you had a plan:
You sent Joseph ahead of time, sold as a slave.
His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in an iron collar;
You kept testing him until what he had said came to pass.
Pharaoh heard of him and released him; he gave Joseph authority,
to instruct the king's officials, and to teach his elders wisdom.

You, our God, are merciful and just. You brought freedom to your people.

Therefore we will praise you today and always!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately after Jesus had fed the multitudes by the Sea of Galilee, he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Turbulence

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 184

Calm to the Waves

sing twice

Calm to the Waves

184

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be
still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Calm to the Waves'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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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.

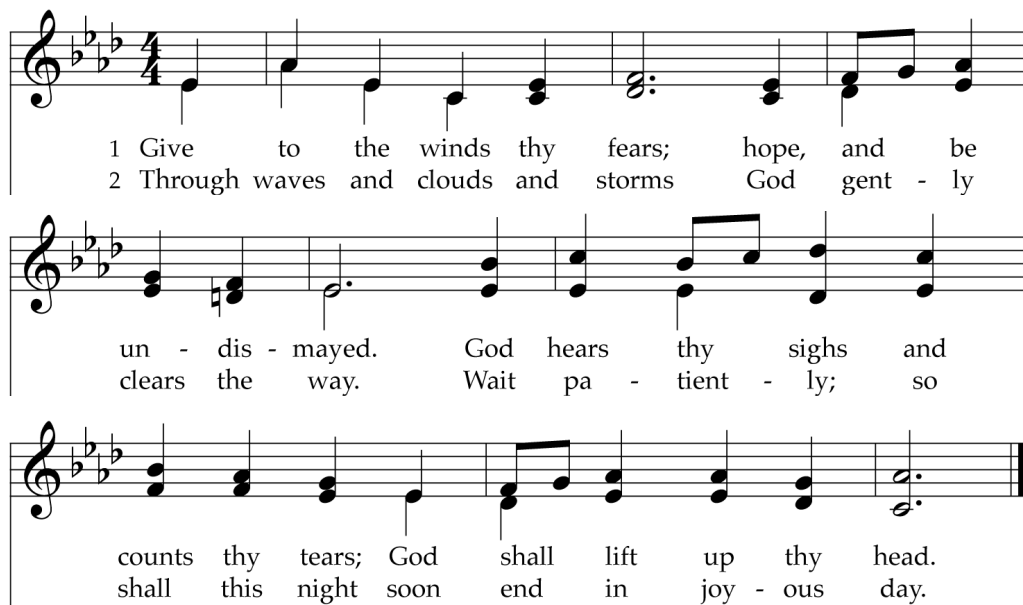
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 815

Give to the Wind Thy Fears

vs. 1 and 2

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears



1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go now to live to the glory of God,
As inhabitants of earth,
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Thanks be to God.

Now may the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in believing
that you overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Allies & Advocates at CPC

Sunday, August 9, 2:00 -3:30 pm

Rochester's Diversity Council's "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." If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Jan.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, August 9, 2020

- 9:30 am Online Worship Service
2:00 pm Allies & Advocates Training

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, August 10

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 11

- 12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
12:00 pm Conference Call *
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, August 12

- 6:30 am Prayer Group
6:00 pm Session Retreat

Thursday, August 13

- 7:00 pm Membership Committee

Friday, August 14

- 12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, August 16

- 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>

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Judy Leal
Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and
the Burgstaler grandchildren
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's great-grandson,
Kaiden Nelson

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Serving in Worship Today

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