

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



**October 12, 2025**

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.**

Say to God:

**How awesome are your deeds!**

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth worships you;**

**they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.**

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**

**all those who practice it have understanding.**

**God's praise endures forever.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

God of power and might, you show us the wisdom of humility, reveal the healing you have in store, and bless us in our working and planting. Release your Word within us, that we may live brimming with gratitude for the full, abundant life Christ gives to all.

**Amen.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 401

#### Here In This Place



- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

God promises mercy for all those who repent.

Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin.

**Compassionate Christ, you send us to cure the sick,  
but we blame the sick for their choices.**

**You ask us to restore the unclean, but we separate them into high risk pools.**

**You compel us to raise the dead, but we insist some are beyond help.**

**In your patient and persistent mercy, forgive us, O Lord.**

**Teach us to heal without condition and help without limitation.**

**Enable us to love one another as you love us,**

**that as recipients of unmerited grace, we may freely shower care upon all people.**

In the name of the One who restores the lost, raises the dead, and reigns on high,  
I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven. Believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Take My Life*

Judy, Nellie and Mark

by Frances R. Havergal, arr. Craig Courtney

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own. It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own. It shall be Thy royal throne.*

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he

said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      Commentary by Meda Stamper, from Working Preacher  
Additional from *God's Blessings* with words written by Rev. Michael Johnson

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Every good gift comes from God. We are invited to respond in gratitude, giving freely and generously, just as we have received.

*An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 22

God of the Sparrow

vs. 1, 4-6



1	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the
4	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the
5	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the
6	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the



swirl - ing	stars	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Awe
prod - i - gal		How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Care
prun - ing	hook	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Love
lov - ing	heart	How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Joy



How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Praise
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Life
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Peace
How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Home

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**



## JOYS AND CONCERNS/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ LORD'S PRAYER

Compassionate God, you are God of all creation. Only you know the expanse of the cosmos and every small and hidden corner of creation. You have created us in love, and we join all of creation in singing to the glory of your name.

We give thanks for your generous provision. Thank you for the basic elements that sustain life, and the joy and beauty that enrich it. We give thanks for your works of healing. While we live in a world still marked by pain and suffering, we acknowledge gifts of health and strength. For prayers answered, bodies healed, relationships restored, and hope that displaces despair, we give you thanks.

We give thanks for your diverse creation. While we often get mired in our own particular lives, your care and concern cross all boundaries and borders. We are grateful for all of the different people in the world, each created in and reflecting your image.

May we always return to you in gratitude and praise.

We pray for the many needs in our world. We pray for those living in war zones, and all who have been displaced by violence, disaster, and trauma. Bring your peace and healing to the nations, and make us all ready to receive and support siblings in need. Help us to see our shared humanity, which is greater than the divisions we create and uphold. We pray for your most vulnerable children, especially those who are pushed to the margins, neglected, and worse. It can be easy to keep them out of sight and out of mind, to hold them at arm's length as the perpetual "other," or to look at their situations and simply give thanks they are not our own. We ask for miracles that change the difficult and deadly circumstances so many face, and that you ignite our own compassion. Give us wisdom to know how to respond, and the courage to act.

We pray for all who are hurting, in body, mind or spirit. Jesus, have mercy, and heal what is broken. We pray for broken bodies, broken hearts, broken relationships, and broken spirits. Creator of all, re-create this world, so we can live in shalom together.

We offer the prayers of our hearts...



All of these we offer to you, including those that are known only to you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying,

**O Divine Parent, Giver of Life,**

**whose presence is holiness, may our hearts be in you.**

**Transform the world according to your delight,  
that all earth may become a holy place.**

**Give us each moment that moment's breath.**

**Give us your gift of forgiveness, that receiving it deeply we may give it freely.**

**Transform our desires, and free us from evil powers;**

**for all creation, and all power, and all beauty are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 772

Live Into Hope

*next page*

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Get up and go on your way!

Go from this place to be builders of God's beloved community.

See the face of Christ in each person you meet.

Follow the Spirit, wherever she may lead.

Now go in peace.

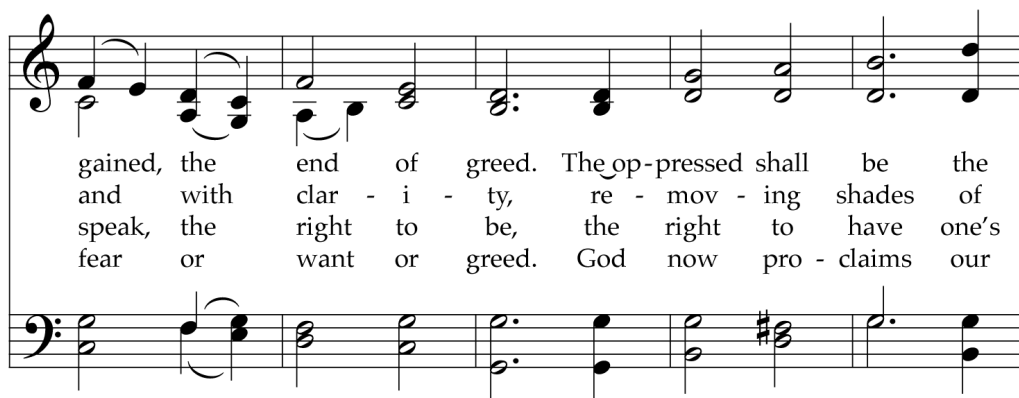
**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

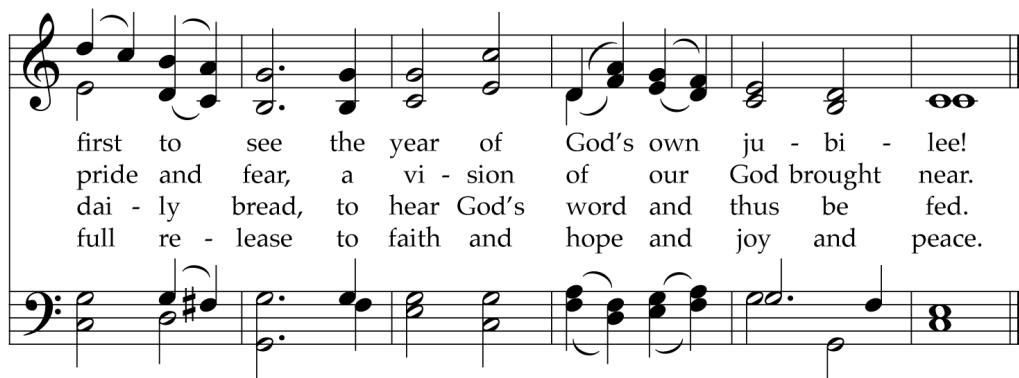
# Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Sue Chipman and Ivy Pillers are planning another **movie night- for Saturday Oct 18 at 6:30 pm** in the library. Popcorn and beverages provided. It is a mystery movie night! Attendees are asked to vote on which of 2 options is shown:



*Goodbye Christopher Robin*

2017 Film about AA Milne the author of the Winnie the Pooh books, stars Will Tilston and Domhnall Gleeson.

or

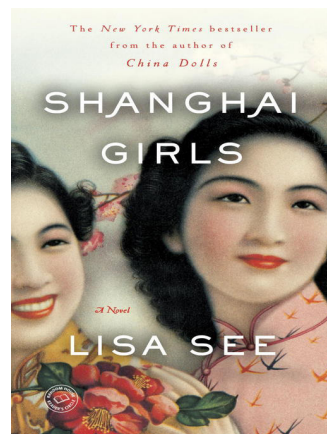
*The Bucket List*

2007 film about 2 older men who are facing the end of their lives and make a list of things they want to do/see before they die. Stars: Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson

People who are planning to attend should give their “vote” to Sue.  
(no stuffing the ballot box!)

**Book Discussion Group - Sunday, October 19**  
***Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See**

In 1937, Shanghai is the Paris of Asia, a city of great wealth and glamour, the home of millionaires and beggars, gangsters and patriots and revolutionaries, artists and warlords. Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May, are very comfortable because of their father's prosperous rickshaw business. They ignore authority and tradition. Pearl is a Dragon sign, strong and stubborn, while May is a true Sheep, adorable and placid. And their wealthy dad reveals he is bankrupt because of gambling debts – and the story changes drastically for the sisters!



**Read the book and join in on the discussion on October 19!**

**All Saints Sunday, November 2: Lighting Candles for Remembrance**

On Sunday November 2nd, we will remember those dear to us who have passed from this life. The worship service, including communion, will reflect our deep gratitude for God's promise of the resurrection and the eternal life that is ours in Christ. All, who wish to do so, may bring a memorial candle to be placed on a central table and lit from the Christ candle prior to the worship service. During Joys and Concerns, we will have a chance to share the names of those specially remembered in this way. Please send names of loved ones to be included in the bulletin for All Saints by October 28.

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**Sunday, October 12**

**9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online**

**2:30 pm** Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

**Monday, October 13**

**9:30 am** Mission Prayer Group

**6:00 pm** Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi

**Tuesday, October 14**

**12:00 pm** Bulletin Items Due

**7:00 pm** Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

**Wednesday, October 15**

**8:00 am** Prayer Group

**6:30 pm** CPC Choir Rehearsal

**7:30 pm** Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 16**

**5:30 pm** Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

**Saturday, October 18**

**6:30 pm** Mystery Movie Night

**Sunday, October 19**

**9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online**

**10:40 am Book Discussion Group**

**2:30 pm** Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughters Jenny & Elissa

Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline

Jennifer Hall and Sage Hall

Amy Ward and family

Sherrie Wilson

Vera Atkinson

*To be added to the prayer list, please contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email: [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).*

## Serving in Worship Today

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Brovold & Mark Neville

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& Bruce Felger

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