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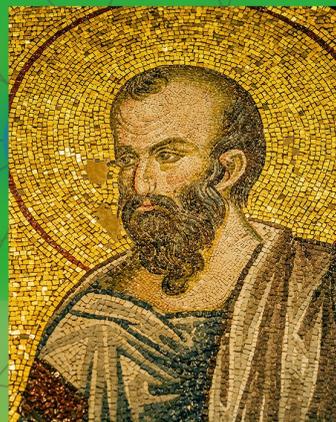
Established 1851

Madison, Wisconsin

An Influencer for the Ages

Paul and his Letter to the Romans

July 31 - "Talking Points"



Sunday, July 31, 2022

10:00am Combined Worship

The Prelude

*We invite you to personally prepare for worship during the Prelude,
quieting your heart and mind before the service begins.*

The CPC Worship Team

WE GATHER IN LOVE

Introit *Come, All You People (Uyai mose)*

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

God, come close. Come quickly! Open your ears - it's my voice you're hearing!

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Treat my prayer as sweet incense rising;

my raised hands are my evening prayers.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Post a guard at my mouth, God, set a watch at the door of my lips.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

May the Just One set me straight, may the Kind One correct me.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

***Song of Praise** *Holy, Holy, Holy (Jesus Reigns)* Herber, McLean, Cantrell, Griffin

Our Silent Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

~from Romans 14 (The Message)

Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with.

God, we confess that instead of welcoming those who disagree with us, we often dig in our heels, wanting to be on the "correct" side.

For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume he should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly.

God, we confess that when facing those on the opposite side of an issue, we often lack the curiosity to ask why they believe as they do. Sometimes we even feel threatened.

So where does that leave you when you criticize a brother? And where does that leave you when you condescend to a sister? I'd say it leaves you looking pretty silly—or worse. Eventually, we're all going to end up kneeling side by side in the place of judgment, facing God.

God, give us grace to love each other even when we disagree, making space for the other, honoring them as we walk together before you, the only judge that matters.

Welcome!
We are glad YOU
are here!

Please note that our
service is being
livestreamed.

*** please stand as you**
are able

Gentle reminders for
Pandemic Times:

Please, wear your
mask and color-coded
nametag at all times in
the building.

Respect others' comfort
levels with interaction,
as indicated by their
nametag.

Observe social distancing
in seating. Instead of
passing the Friendship
Pads—use the card in the
Pew rack to record your
attendance, if you wish.
Leave the card and your
offering in the plate at
the doorway as you exit
the Sanctuary.

A Hearing Loop
is installed and available.
Switch your hearing aid
to "T-Cell".

Please ask an Usher if you
need assistance.

Before worship, please
silence cell phones and
other electronic devices.

**Summer Worship—
Ordinary Time Banners
created by
Scott and Donna Wilson**

Behind the Epistle to the Romans is a complex network of people diverse in gender, ethnicity, culture, and status. The Roman roads literally connected them but so did their shared place on the planet earth, relationships with one another, and an even larger relationship with God. Ordinary Time is similar for us. The summer worship banner is intended to be a colorful and fresh reminder of the diversity and connectedness we too experience.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe this amazing news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***The New Doxology**

David Crowder

WE GROW BY GRACE

Children's Message

Carter Baldwin

Minute for Ministry *CPC Refugee Family News*

Elise Blanchard

An Invitation for Giving

Song of Offering *Speak, O Lord*

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

A Reading from Scripture Romans 14: 1-13 (The Message)

The Sermon *Talking Points*

Rev. Phil Haslanger

Response in Music *Be Thou My Vision*

Benjamin M. Culli

Kathy Otterson, flute; Carola Winkle, clarinet

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Hymn** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Glory to God, No. 753

***The Benediction**

***Congregational Sung Blessing** *Go Now in Peace*

Natalie Sleeth

The Organ Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in D Major (BWV 532)*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Leading in Worship Today

Preacher Rev. Phil Haslanger

Liturgists Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner, Helena VanderArk, Natalie Handley

Reader Allison and Mitchell Krawiec-Thayer

Music Directors Kathy Otterson, Natalie Handley

Organist John Rafoth

Piano Natalie Handley

Drums Carter Baldwin

Acoustic Guitar Derek Handley

Bass Guitar Becca Ridge

Vocalists The Chancel Choir, Natalie Handley, Derek Handley, John Itson

Ushers and Greeters Louise Wilson, Sara Lubbers, Liz McCarthy, Ron Wanek, Mary Braucht, John Ross

A/V Coordinator Patrick Green **Livestream** Ben McKnight

Online Worship Host Jana Gosewehr

Deacon on Call—July– August

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*We are a Community Centered in Christ,
Gathering in Love, Growing by Grace, Going forth to Serve*

Christ Presbyterian Church is located on Ho-Chunk Land.



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Sunday, July 31, 2022 - Announcements

Talking Points

As we conclude our month with Paul's letter to the Romans, this question comes to us. How do we treat those with whom we disagree, both within and beyond our faith community? Pastor Phil walks us through Paul's wise advice in Romans 14.

*In August, our **Follow the Money** sermon series will explore the topic Jesus talked about more than any other. (Two services, 9 and 10:30.)*

Vacation Bible Camp This Week - August 1 to 4

We'll learn about the abundance of God's love and presence in our lives together on CPC's beautiful property—with singing, laughter, play, and learning from Bible stories, art, environmental projects, field games, and more. **Please pray for our kiddos, staff, and volunteers through each day of this week.**

CPC Refugee Resettlement - Family Arriving August 31

CPC has been assigned by JSS to assist a refugee family from the Democratic Republic of Congo. When the family arrives, we will welcome them and help ease their transition to life here in the US. It's a family of 10. We will be primarily be assisting 6 of the family members who will be living in one home while the 4 other members of the family will be living with others who have already resettled in Madison. Pray for this family! In these weeks, our teams are preparing to provide the best service and loving care we can for this family. Several household items are needed, we invite you to contribute. Contact Jean Rene, jeanrene@cpcmadison.org.

Isthmus Vocal Ensemble, August 7, 3pm

The Isthmus Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Michael McGaghie, will present "American Dreams" next Sunday, August 7, at 3:00pm in the CPC Sanctuary. Like many ensembles, IVE was silenced by the pandemic, and we are excited to be singing together once again. Join us for a program of 20th and 21stC choral music by American composers. Purchase tickets at the door or online here: isthmusvocalensemble.org/upcoming-performances

Lanterns for Peace 2022, 7pm, Sunday August 7

This is a community event, open to all, at Tenney Park Shelter .
(1500 N Sherman Ave.)

Primary Election on August 9

The primary election is just around the corner. Please plan to vote. This is your opportunity to show your preference for Governor, Attorney General, US Senator, and several other offices. This election will determine which candidates will face off in the November 8 election. Learn who is on your ballot, where to vote, and how to vote absentee. myvote.wi.gov

COVID Updates at CPC, Effective Sept 1

Effective September 1, CPC will move to Phase 4 in our approach to Worship and Activities. What does this mean? As children, 6 months and older are eligible to be vaccinated for COVID-19, as of Sept 1, face masks will be optional at all CPC worship services, activities, and events. The use of the kitchen and fellowship hall will resume. See your Wednesday emails or cpcmadison.org for the full document with changes beginning Sept 1.

"Together at Horizons" CPC Weekend Retreat, October 7-9

All ages are welcome at this CPC Weekend Retreat at nearby Bethel Horizons. Put it on your calendar and get your camp game on! More details and registration coming soon.

Discussion From Today's Scripture (Romans 14:1-13)

- 1) The paraphrase of The Message helps us step outside the way we might have heard from God in the past, and into fresh encounters. In verse 1, what might be the difference between opinion and faith? They're not the same.
- 2) How should people treat others whose understandings are different? What is the role of God and the role of individuals in the faith community? How do we stay in our lane?
- 3) As Christ-followers, **why** do we do anything we do? For whom? For ourselves, for others, for God?
- 4) On issues where there is disagreement, how do we not "get in the way" of others, not "contaminate" our earnest discoveries in faith together?

August Deacon on Call

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