

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway  
Plainview, MN 55964

*Sunday, May 10th, 2026*

*Sixth Sunday in Easter*





# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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## Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Rich

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hncock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

**Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.**

*Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website.*

OPENING HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Verse 1 only)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Rich

What is our hope? Simply put, it is that God does not give up on us.

**With such Good News, can we dare to bring our prayers to the One who will not cast aside our words or our hearts.**

Please join me together as we pray saying the Prayer of Confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Rich

**We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Denise

Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

**We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What is Good.' Used with permission.*

GLORY TO GOD #577 "Glory Be to the Father" "Gloria Patri" found in the *old blue* Presbyterian Hymnal.

### SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Denise

### A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO CPC

### **The Word**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Mark Rich

1 Peter 3: 13-22

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14: 15-21

SERMON

"Jesus Knows Best"

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

### **Responding**

HYMN #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"

(Verse 1 only)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

*(The Affirmation of Faith has already been said today)*

CALL TO PRAYER #504 "We Come as Guests Invited" (Verse 1)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God who knows us be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to the One who will not leave you stranded.

**We offer ourselves to God who is always with us.**

Bless God, all you who love the Lord.

**We sing praises to the One who loves us.**

God of wonder, You gathered that orphan, chaos, into your heart . . . . .  
. . . we would bring our songs to you:

**Holy ,holy, holy are you, God our joy.**

**All creation pays their vows to you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who is our salvation.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

. . . . . we proclaim that mystery which is faith:

**Christ died, doing what was right for us;**

**Christ was raised by the One who was in him;**

**Christ will come, just as the hope within us witnesses to us.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

May Mission of the Month: Childhood Cancer Community

DOXOLOGY: #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the old blue Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Denise

Let us pray together:

**Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life---calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. Amen.**

### **Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

(Verse 1 only)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Denise

BENEDICTION SONG #612 "We Praise You, O God" (Verse 1 only)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Ron Manzow & Cathy DeMartini

# Mission of the Month for May: Childhood Cancer Community

The Childhood Cancer Community is dedicated to providing meaningful connections and support for families affected by childhood cancer, promoting positivity and purpose throughout their journeys.

**Mission and Purpose:** The Childhood Cancer Community aims to create a supportive environment for families dealing with the challenges of childhood cancer. They focus on fostering connections among families, survivors, and mentors to combat the feelings of loneliness that often accompany such experiences. Their mission includes raising awareness about childhood cancer and contributing to research efforts aimed at finding a cure.

The organization hosts various events, including monthly Community Nights, where families can gather for dinner, activities, and conversation. These events are free of charge and provide a space for families to connect and share their experiences.

The organization maintains a private online community where families can stay updated on each other's journeys and provide support between events.

The Childhood Cancer Community actively participates in awareness campaigns and fundraising efforts to support childhood cancer research and improve the lives of affected families.

The organization believes in the power of compassion and connection to help families navigate the difficult journey of childhood cancer. They strive to create lasting relationships that provide emotional support and practical assistance, ensuring that no family feels alone in their fight against this disease.

## Financial Information

Mission of the Month for April: MN Adult and Teen Challenge

Mission of the Month for May: Childhood Cancer Community

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Noisy Offering</u>
05-03-2026	2,626.00	116.00	0.00	9.00
TOTAL	2,626.00	116.00	753.25	178.56

*Thank you for your continued support of our church and its ministry!*

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

<i>James Domke</i>	<i>May 2</i>
<i>Tom Schneider</i>	<i>May 9</i>
<i>Cathy DeMartini</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Molli Funk</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Betsy &amp; Jerry Dewey</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Ralph Van Houten</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Alyssa Kreofsky</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Alex &amp; Lindsay Bartley</i>	<i>May 24</i>

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY





## PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for the family of Sharon Firzlaff, especially Bruce and Belinda.
- Prayers for Tim Pries and family, with the loss of his brother Scott.
- Prayers for Joe Flanagan, for good health. Prayers for Julie, for strength.
- Prayers for John Zabel for better health.
- Prayers for Ron Byler with his recent diagnosis.
- Prayers for Alyssa Kreofsky, who is in a lot of pain and has kidney disease.
- Prayers for Bonnie's niece Debra, with breast and bone cancer.
- Prayers for peace in our own country.

*This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:*

**Sunday, May 10**

*10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship*

*11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship*

*Session Meeting after Church*

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, May 11**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Tuesday, May 12**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Wednesday, May 13**

*6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary*

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Thursday, May 14**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Friday, May 15**

Office Closed

**Saturday, May 16**

Office Closed

**Sunday, May 17**

*10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary*

*11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship*

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