

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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August 22, 2021

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The eyes of the Beloved are on the righteous;

God's ears are open to their cry.

Let us worship the One who clothes us in strength
and satisfies our souls with the bread of life.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

vs. 1 and 4



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, our Maker; Jesus Christ, our teacher;
Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on us.
Let us in silence remember our faults and failings.

Silence before the prayer of confession.

God, you are near to the brokenhearted,
and you save the crushed in spirit.

**Be near to us in our brokenness,
and love us into wholeness.**

You are near to people who are hurting,
but we keep our distance to avoid our own discomfort.

**Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness.
By your mercy, forgive our sins and free us to try again.**

May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.

**We believe that God forgives and sets us free,
and we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls
and to loving one another.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, we are blessed when we seek your righteousness. Make us whole and holy people by your Spirit alive in us. May we receive your word and your world as blessing, in your name, most Beloved. **Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 34:19-22

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Compassionate One rescues them from them all.

**The Beloved keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will receive their reward.

**Our God redeems the life of those who believe;
none of those who take refuge there will be condemned.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-71

These verses conclude Jesus' words on the Bread of Life. They signify a watershed moment in Jesus' ministry, because many who found the teaching too difficult "turned back" from following him. What do we do when confronted with a dilemma like theirs?

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go

away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil.” He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Eating the Word

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised


vs. 1 and 4



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

all verses

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and key of D major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness;
 Look at your feet, see the path and the direction;
 Look at your heart, see the fire and the love;
 Look at the cross; see God's Son and our Savior.
 This is God's world,
And we will serve God in it.

Jesus said, "I am with you always."
 May God the Creator bless you,
 May God the Son walk with you,
 May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.
Amen

***POSTLUDE**

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, August 22

9:30 am Worship (Online and Outdoors)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, August 24

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 25

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, August 29

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

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please contact the church office at
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Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
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Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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