

Community Presbyterian Church

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October 17, 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

We gather to worship God, who stretched the heavens like a tent
and set the earth on its foundations.

We gather to worship God, who rides the winds like a chariot
and wears light as a garment.

We gather to worship God, who suffers with us when we suffer,
and offers us abundant life.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 41

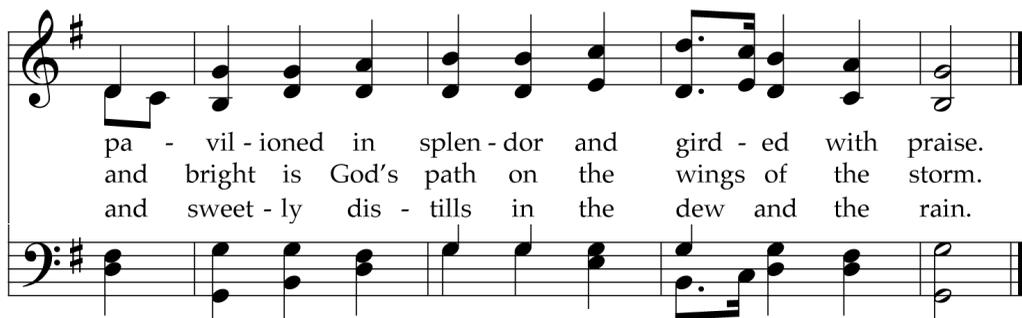
O, Worship the King

vs. 1, 2, 4

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,



CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

Silence before the prayer of confession.

O Lord, you have taught us:

**Whoever wishes to become great must be a servant,
and whoever seeks to be first must be last and servant of all.
Still, we organize our lives around ladders to climb,
not realizing that we are stepping on people you love.
Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way.**

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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38:1-7, 34-41, 16-17

The book of Job does not explain the mystery of suffering, but it does speak of faith in the midst of trouble, and a God who is larger than our minds can hold.

After Job had fully expressed his complaint, God answered him out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like

a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?”

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Bless the Beloved, who is clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

you set the beams of your chambers on the waters.

**You make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

You clothe it with the deep; the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

They rise up to the mountains, and run down to the valleys appointed for them.

You set a boundary that they may not pass, nor ever again cover the earth.

Great Creator, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

The earth is full of your creatures.

Bless the Beloved, O my soul. Praise God, Almighty Creator!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ain-a That Good News

arr. by William L. Dawson

performed by the Classical Roots Community Mass Choir from Cincinnati, OH

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:35-45

Jesus has plainly demonstrated the significance of littleness. Yet the disciples persist in trying to be bigger than everyone else. Once again, Jesus turns their world upside-down.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

After the Whirlwind (an upside-down world)

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

vs. 1, 2, 4

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are vil - grims on a iour - nev; we're to -
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kindom 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

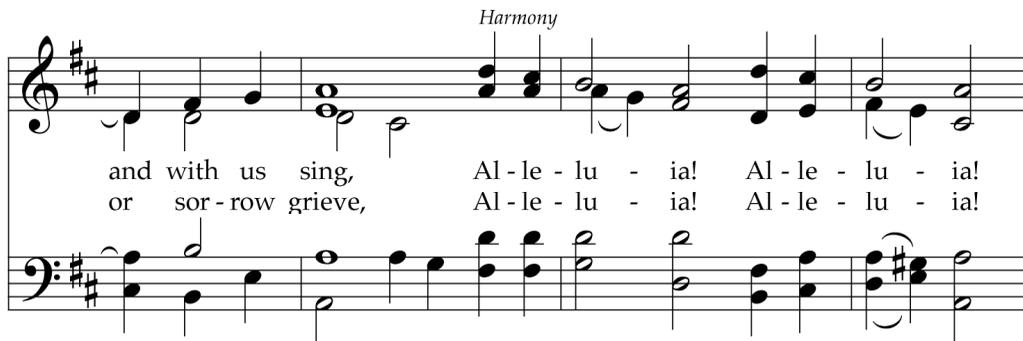
vs. 1 and 4

Unison



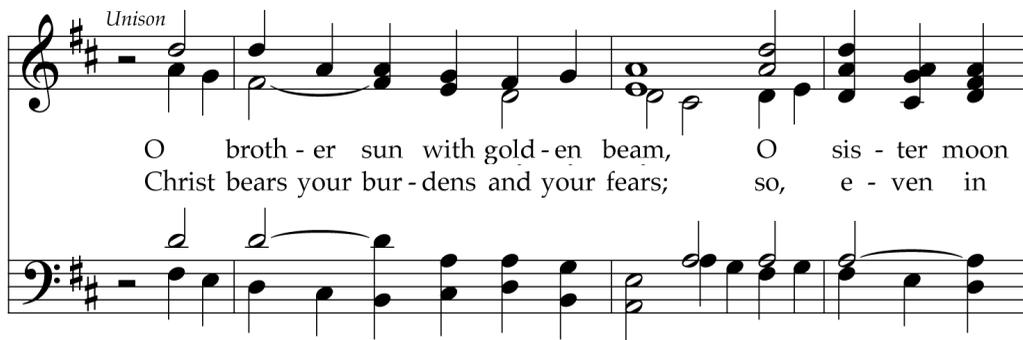
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison



O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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, October 17

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

1:00 pm Session Retreat

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, October 18

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 19

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, October 20

6:30 am Prayer Group

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, October 24

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

Judi Berg

Sue Chipman

Glenna Muir's sister, Annie

***To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at***

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email office@cpchester.org.

***For emergency pastoral care,
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Frank Jones
Special Music	Classical Roots Mass Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

Online Worship: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am
PW Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 am

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* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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