

Community Presbyterian Church

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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

Come, you who are weary. Lay down your burdens,
for God can carry them.

Come, you who are joyful. Join in God's praise;
sing with the choir of the saints.

Come, you who are doubting;
behold the one who brings sight to the blind.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 450

Be Thou My Vision

vs. 1-3



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.

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.

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.
Heal us of our blindness, for it is a blindness we have chosen.
We turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,
and blur our faces in the mirror,
lest we recognize your image.
Open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.**

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 42:1-6, 10-17

God answered Job's complaint from a whirlwind, and turned his world upside-down and inside-out. After Job repents, God restores all things to a new and better order.

Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You said, 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. You said, 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house;

they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 126

When God restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
“Their God has done great things for them.”

**Our God has done great things for us, and we rejoice.
Restore our fortunes, like streams in the desert.**

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who went out weeping, carrying seed for sowing,
**even they shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples are making the inevitable journey to Jerusalem, where all Jesus' predictions of arrest, death - and resurrection - will be fulfilled. As he travels, we see how his reputation has preceded him in this story.

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaheus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they

called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Restoration

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 649

Amazing Grace

vs. 1-3

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Margie Petersen

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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

vs. 1 and 3

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

***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 24

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)
 10:30 am Book Discussion Group

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, October 26

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due
 12:00 pm Conference Call *
 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 27

6:30 am Prayer Group
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 31

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

Pastor Jan will be on a spiritual retreat from October 28-31. If a pastoral emergency arises during that time, please call Rev. Ann Siverling (507-234-5712).

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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Judy Leal
 Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
 especially daughter Jenny
 Connie Holst
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 Judi Berg
 Sue Chipman
 Glenna Muir's sister, Annie

***To be added to the prayer list,
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 For emergency pastoral care,
 call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

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