

*Community* Presbyterian Church  
open hearted, open minded



**July 17, 2022**

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

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

**I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.**

I will thank you, God, forever, for all you have done.

**In the presence of the faithful**

**we proclaim God's name, for it is good.**

### OPENING HYMN 35

### Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*vs. 1 and 3*

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a dore - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
 and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.  
 Trusting in Christ, let us seek God's forgiveness.

**Merciful Savior, you stand beside us,  
 yet we prefer to stand on our own.  
 You choose us, yet we choose worry.  
 You attend to us, yet we attend to our work.  
 Forgive us, gentle Teacher.  
 Call us by name and visit us once more  
 so that we might find at your feet  
 our joy, our purpose, and our hope.**

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!  
 By his body and his cross, Jesus reconciles all who were once estranged.  
 Christ in you is the glory of God.  
 Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed God, when Jesus visited Martha and her sister, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. Bless us that we may sit with you to listen to what you are saying to us today. Help us always to treasure your companionship and live with listening hearts.

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 8.1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great [*that is, give smaller measure for a higher price*], and practice deceit with false scales, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

## RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 52 (*adapted*)

Why do you proud people boast of decisions that hurt the poor?

**Do you spend your days and nights plotting exploitation?**

Lies fall from your mouth more easily than truth;

**you love wealth more than equity, and slander more than plain speech.**

Justice will prevail in the end, but the greedy will be cut off from love;

**those who live in truth will know the joy of God’s nurturing care,**

but those who trust in their possessions will be uprooted from their place,

**while the righteous watch and note the consequences of evil.**

As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the garden of my God;

**I trust in God’s enduring goodness.**

I give thanks eternally for what you have done for me;

**In the midst of the faithful, I will pray and praise your name.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING                      Luke 10.38-42

*Jesus and his disciples are still headed toward Jerusalem. He has just told the inquisitive lawyer that receiving eternal life means more than obeying laws but involves caring for those we might not want as neighbors. Today we get a taste of a different sort of hospitality.*

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Your Word, our light; your grace, our hope; your love, our life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*What kind of tree are you?*

Pastor Jan

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 450      Be Thou My Vision

vs. 1-3

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER/PRAYER OF JESUS

*paraphrased by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

**Beloved, Center and Source of our living, whose presence is heaven,  
your holy love fills Creation.**

**May your delight be fulfilled and your Realm unfold among us,  
the visible world blossoming out of the unseen.**

**We turn to you alone for our sustenance, the bread of life each day.**

**Set us free from our failings, as we set free all who have failed us.**

**Lead us beyond our desires and save us from the grip of evil.**

**For the world is within you; all power is from you,**

**and all glory is about you in eternity, which is the present moment. Amen.**

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*vs. 1 and 2*

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:*

**Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning, new mercies I see.**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided.**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

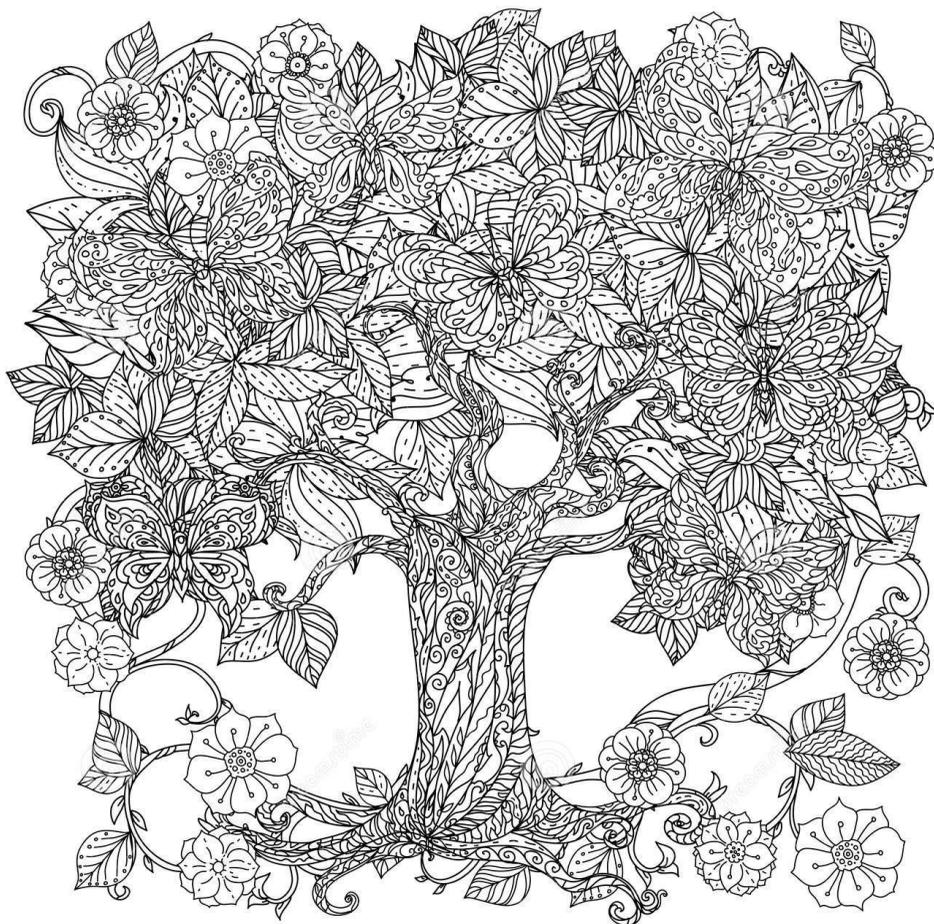
**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The blessing of God, all-giving and all-holy,  
who was and is and is to come—  
be with you now and always.

Go in peace to love your God  
with heart and soul and mind and strength,  
and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen**

POSTLUDE



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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, July 17**

**9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)**

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday - Friday

8:00 am- 12:00 pm Med City Driving

Monday, July 18

6:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee

6:30 pm Worship and Music Committee

Tuesday, July 19

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, July 13

6:30 am Prayer Group

**Sunday, July 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

Shannon Cisewski

Jennifer Hall

Michael Parsons

Sue Chipman

*To be added to the prayer list, please  
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### Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

Special Music

Guest Pianist

IT Support

Mark Neville

Mark Neville

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**Online Worship:** Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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\* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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