

Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



August 21, 2022

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME MUSIC

Chamber Suite in D Adagio & Allegro
by GF Handel/arr. Carol Neuen Rabinowitz

String Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Clair de Lune
by Claud Debussy/arr. Lynne Latham

String Quartet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre!

I will awaken the dawn.

I will give thanks to you, my God, among the peoples,

and I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,

and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

OPENING HYMN GTG 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

vs. 1, 2, 4 - all; vs. 3 quartet only

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cherish, thee will I
spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

based on Psalm 98

**We believe in the power of God, who has done marvelous things;
whose Love has triumphed over evil.**

**We believe that in the name of God, we too can do great things,
for we have been set free through forgiveness and truth.**

**God's steadfast love and faithfulness subdue evil:
let all the ends of the earth stand in witness.**

**We believe that one day all creation will break into song,
and all hearts will be lifted up in praise;**

all voices will blend in harmony to sing God's name.

**The sea will laugh, and all the creatures who fill it;
the world, and all who dwell in it.**

**The waters will clap their hands and the hills ring with joy,
for Love will reign with truth and justice,
and restore order and balance in the world.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, loving One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to you, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we gather, worship, and pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 15:14-23

Now the spirit of God departed from Saul, the king of Israel, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. And Saul's servants said to him, "See now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command the servants who attend you to look for someone who is skillful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will feel better." So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me." One of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him." So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the sheep." Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight." And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

String Quartet

by Albert Hay Malotte/arr. by John Moss

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents

were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified vs. 1, 2, 5



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



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

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 37

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

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***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

Over the Rainbow
Arr. by Michael Tarro

String Quartet

Gage East opportunity: Wondering about the back-to-school party? The Gage East team decided that they would point families in the direction of the many resources already available instead of a party. However, they are grateful for a few notebooks (college-ruled) and highlighters, marker sets, pencils and erasers, etc. for distribution upon request. If you'd like to contribute, bring them to church by Labor Day weekend (Sunday, September 4) and they will be delivered later that week.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, August 21

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)
Outdoor worship, weather permitting

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, August 22

1:00 pm Mission Prayer Group
(Onsite and Online)

Tuesday, August 23

12:00 pm Conference Call *
12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due
6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, August 28

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

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

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Shannon Cisewski

Jennifer Hall

Judy Robb's brother, Dan

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Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist

Dave Copeland

Special Music

Lori Ringen-Poencet, violin 1, Kimberlee Souhrada, violin 2

Anne Buezis, viola, Bri McDonough, cello

IT Support

Bruce Felger