

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

**August 7, 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

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

**Faith is a gift to be received, treasured,  
and shared with joy and thanksgiving.**

Let us praise God, who freely gives the gift of faith.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: all are wel - come;  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us to walk in faith, but we do not always follow.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence for reflection)*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the ages, God of the old, old story,  
we hear of our ancestors  
and are astounded by their faith.  
They trusted you, but we waver.  
They believed your promise,  
but we cling to our own ideas.  
Forgive us and free us from our fear,  
that we may follow with joy wherever you may lead;  
through Jesus Christ, the beginning and end of faith.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

From age to age, from generation to generation,  
God's mercy never fails. Hear the good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## 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.**

### RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

God, the Almighty, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence; God comes,  
with a devouring fire before, and a mighty tempest all around.

**The Judge of all calls to the heavens above and to the earth,**

**“Gather to me my faithful ones, who dedicate their lives to me!”**

The heavens declare the righteousness of God, the one true Judge.

**“Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel,**

**I will testify against you. I am God, your God.**

“I do not doubt your hard work and sacrifice:

It is your wandering hearts that grieve me.

**When you forget to return my love with love,**

**Your spirits are torn and broken within you.**

“Those whose hearts are full of thanks do me honor;  
**those who walk in faith will see the way of salvation.”**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*To Believe*

Jackie Evancho

by Matthew Evancho

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 12: 32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would

not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

SERMON

*Now Faith*

Pastor Jan

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear Little Flock

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

Abba-Imma God, it is your good pleasure to give us your whole Empire.

**All of Creation you give to us, and all of your grace that surrounds us.**

You seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and care for the widow.

**You ask us to do the same.**

Consider the ravens: who neither sow nor reap;

they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet you feed them.

**Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;**

**yet even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.**

You shower us with your grace and nourish us with your love.

**Therefore with all Creation and all the hosts of heaven, we sing your praise.**

SANCTUS GTG 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

vs. 2

2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,  
for the sake of the healing of the world, to your glory, in the name of Christ.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

#### THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.*

*Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup  
until all are served so that we might partake together.*

#### HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION 500

#### Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread



1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;  
2 Here share with us, in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood,



Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.  
that liv - ing bread, that heav-en-ly wine be our im - mor - tal food.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have given us all we need to face our challenges, to live with courage and beauty, and to work for justice and healing for the sake of the wholeness of all Creation. Send us now to do your will, by the power of your Spirit, in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

# SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 321

The Church's One Foundation

vs. 1, 3, 5



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,  
5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.  
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.  
yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.  
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

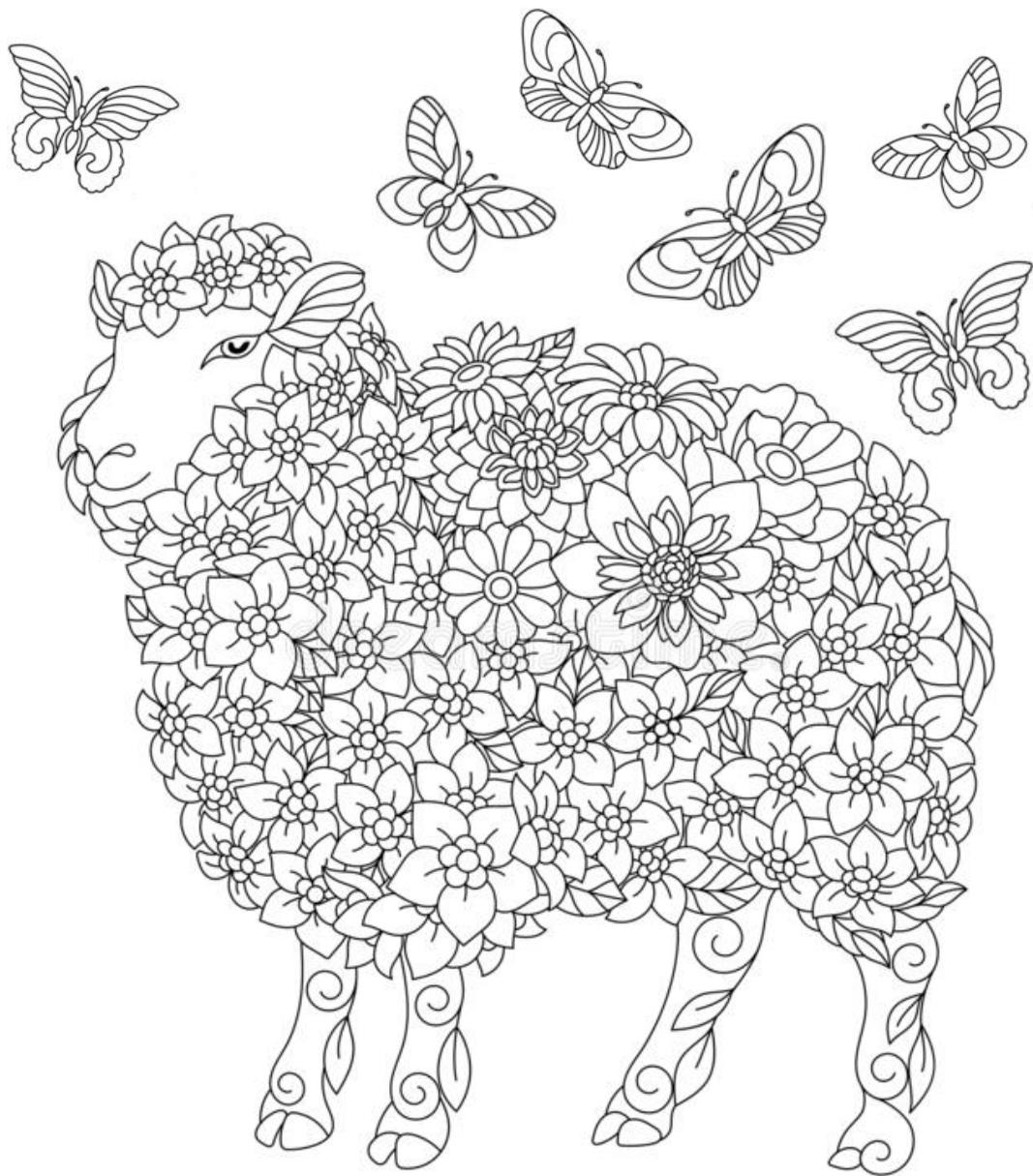
## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Some parts of this service were used by  
permission of Steve Garnaas-Holmes,  
from his web resource, *Unfolding Light*.



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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, August 7**

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

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday-Friday

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

Monday, August 8

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 9

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, August 10

6:30 am Prayer Group

5:30 pm Personnel Committee (v)

6:30 pm Christian Educaiton Committee (v)

**Sunday, August 14**

**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  
and son-in-law, Dave

Shannon Cisewski

Jennifer Hall

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

Liturgist

Special Music

IT Support

Bruce Felger

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