

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

July 30, 2023



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We seek the kin-dom of God;

where the smallest seeds turn into great plants.

We seek the kin-dom of God;

as precious as pearls or treasure.

We seek the kin-dom of God;

where joy and abundance reign.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van-ish-ed a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Knowing that God is compassionate to all, let us confess our sins.

Spirit Intercede....

**when we fall short of your glory,
when we do not deserve your promise,
when we do not act like those who have been called your family.**

Spirit, intercede...

**when our words wound,
when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.**

Spirit, intercede...

**break forth into our lives,
forming us into the image of your Son,
that we might never feel separate from you again.**

Beloved, hear the good news: God is for us.

Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the fire of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to your word, O God. Help us to hear your voice and follow your paths all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

**O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations,**

the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,

**which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."

Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Carla Nelson

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 435 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy



1 There’s a wide - ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures



of the sea. There’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal



which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth’s
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more



sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God’s Word, and our lives re -



where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 734 Hope of the World



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:
who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, there is work to be done. Jesus still sends us out into the world, to love and serve as the body of Christ. You don't need to pack a bag or bring a change of clothes; God will provide all we need.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us go into the world with God's liberating Word on our lips, until all are free, and all creation reconciled as one beloved community.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

Bathrooms are located down the hall, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).

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Sunday, July 30

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, August 1

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, August 2

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, August 3

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, August 6

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny
Connie Holst
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa
Shannon Cisewski
Ron Murray
Dick and Nancy Massaro
The Hall Family

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the office via email:
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Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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