## CommunityPresbyterian Church

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,



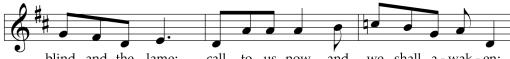
van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory, bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



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

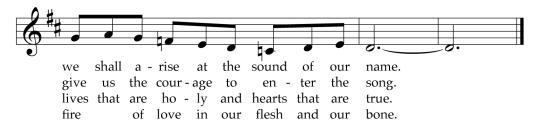


Gath-er the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, us in, the the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er Gath-er the us in, us in, the wine of com-pas-sion; give us Give us to drink the to eat and hold us for - ev - er; Gath-er us in gath-er us in and



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

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## **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



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## 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.

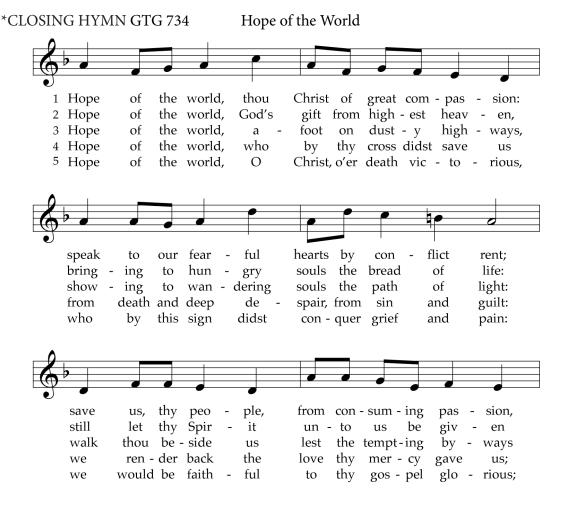
Give us this day our daily bread;

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





### 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).

# Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 30

Worship - Onsite and Online 9:30 am

Building Usage: Labranza de Dios 2:30 pm

Tuesday, August 1

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, August 2

Prayer Group at CPC 6:30 am

Thursday, August 3

Building Usage: Labranza de Dios 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 6

**Worship with Communion** 9:30 am

Onsite and Online

Building Usage: Labranza de Dios 2:30 pm

Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 - 10:30am

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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

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