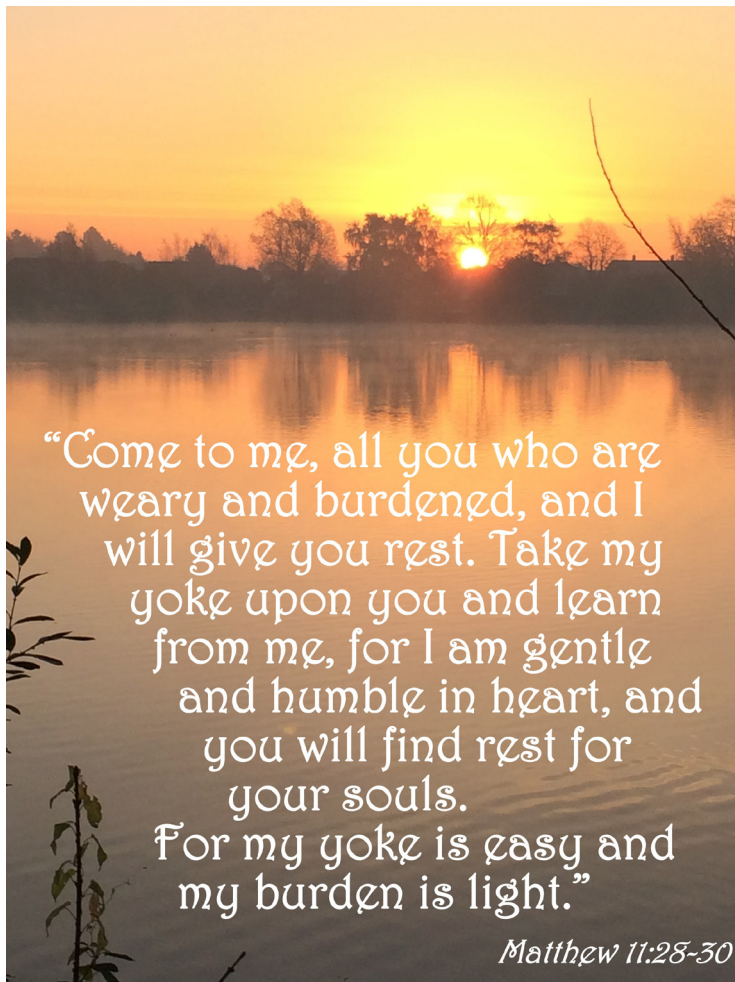


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

July 9, 2023

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).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary, and I will give you rest."

All of us know what it is like to be weary.

All of us carry heavy burdens.

Let us accept Christ's invitation.

We long to rest in God.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 267

Come Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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.

Faithful One,

Despite our best efforts,

we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be.

Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm.

Even when we want to follow you more closely,

we end up turning away.

We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace.

Still our souls, order our steps,

guide our feet back to our way.

God upholds all who are falling, and raises up those who are bowed down.

Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death; thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 45:10-17

Here, O peoples, consider, and incline your ear;
forget what has gone before you; turn your feet to the path of love.

**Open your hearts to the Beloved, learn of humility, be blessed even in brokenness,
For those are the treasures stored in eternity.**

All glorious is the soul within, the abode of the Merciful One;
through many trials and suffering do you come to the Beloved,
refined by fire as you follow Love's way.

**With joy and gladness you are let along,
as you awaken to the Heart of your heart.**

Instead of a House of fear, you will come to dwell with Love,
you will radiate the light of truth to all the earth.

**There will you celebrate the Beloved for all generations to come,
the people will praise Loves way for ever and ever.**

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Julie Beck

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.**

**See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain:

**“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”**

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain:

“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [*Refrain*]

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.

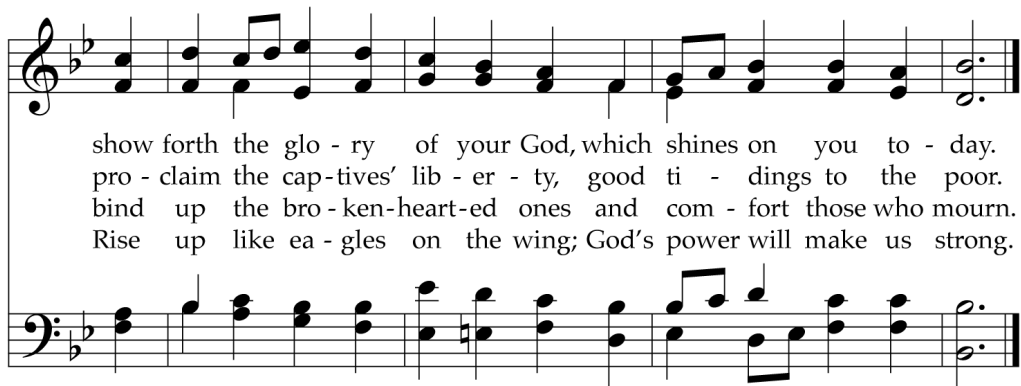
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part. The lyrics are as follows:

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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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

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Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Julie Beck
Liturgist	Sherrie Wilson
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

The Psalm is from Nan Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*.

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Sunday, July 9

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday - Friday, 8:00-4:00 pm

Building Usage: Med City Driving School

Tuesday, July 11

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, July 12

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, July 13

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, July 16

9:30 am Worship - Outdoors and Online
Bring your lawn chair!

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
Larse and June Pillers

Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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