

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



**August 6, 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

We come, carrying just what we need for the journey:

**five loaves, two fish.**

We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:

**our time, our talents, our gifts.**

We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:

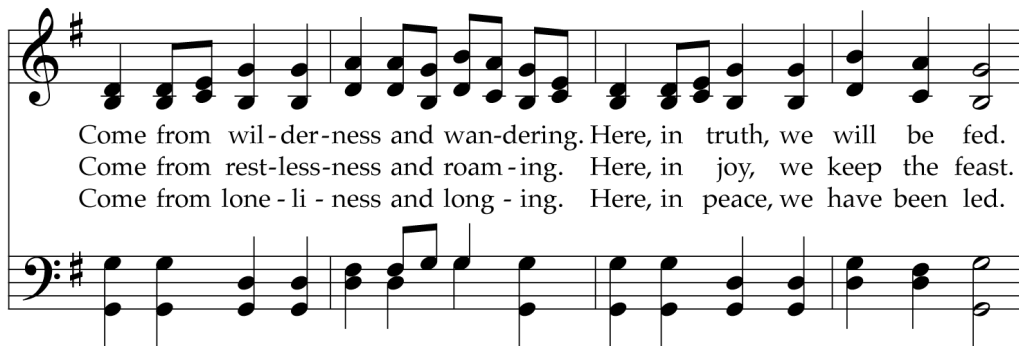
**in God's hands, what we have is enough.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 509

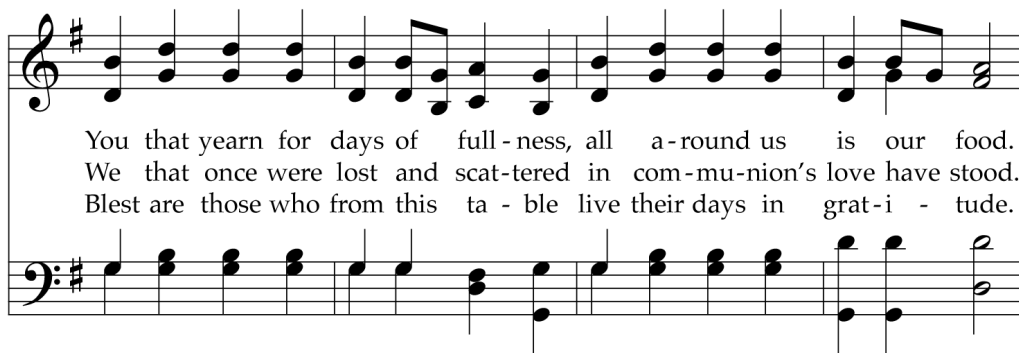
#### All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

When we call upon God, God answers.

Even when our steps stray from God's path, even wehn our feet slip, God listens to us and answers our prayers. Let us offer our prayer of confession.

**Generous God, you freely offer us all we need.**

**You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again.**

**You offer us living water, so we will never thirst.**

**But we scoff at your gifts,**

**wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy.**

**Forgive us and call to us again,**

**reminding us of your gifts of new life**

**that are ours if we would only accept them.**

Incline your ear, listen:

God makes an everlasting covenant with us.

**God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## 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 17: 1-7,15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.**

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

**As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Bonse Aba*

Starlight Harmony

Goodwill Secondary School, Arusha-Tanzania

Bonse Aba translated from the Zambian language of Bemba means

“All who sing have the right to be called the children of God”

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke

the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 498      Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am



food for - ev - er - more.  
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
with you; do not fear!"



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,  
hear our prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the universe you create.

**We thank you for your presence in our lives.**

We thank you for the gift of salvation.

**We thank you for your will for justice,  
and your liberation of the oppressed.**

We thank you for the gift of Jesus.

**Holy Mystery of Love, with all creation we sing your praise!**

SANCTUS GTG 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

*sing twice*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - does you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!

Blessed are all who come in your name,  
and blessed is Jesus, your Christ, Word made flesh, love made real.

**Conceived and led by your Spirit, he taught and healed,  
fed the hungry, and honored the outcast.**

Infinite love in mortal form, he was crucified;  
but infinitely alive with the Spirit, he was raised.

**He comes among us to renew your Covenant to be with us always in love.**

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,  
one in your grace, radiant with your love,**

**and empowered by your Spirit for the sake of the healing of the world.**

**Mother and Father, Son, and Spirit, we thank you and bless you.**

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

#### 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.**

#### 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 GTG 616

#### Our God Is an Awesome God



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 547

Go, My Children

verse 3

3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com-fort





stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

### 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

**Introducing an exciting opportunity to become a part of the new sign to be installed at our Villa Road Entrance!!  
Donation drive will run from May until the end of October.**



**Be a part by donating towards the overall cost of \$20K with matching funds provided from our Capital Activity Funds.**

- Small bucket of bricks \$100
- Medium bucket of bricks \$500
- Large bucket of bricks \$1000
- Panel of sign \$5000
- Any size bucket of mortar \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to CPC and add a memo of "Sign Me Up!!"**

It was with great gratitude that I received the \$1765 check plus a \$235 check that the CPC and the members donated to LifeGate Services towards this year's **Open Your Heart (OYH)** annual summer challenge.



This donation will allow LifeGate to continue to provide food to the vulnerable in our community.

I am grateful to you for your continued support of the work of LifeGate Services. I pray that God will reward your labor of love abundantly. Thank you and have a blessed day!

Pastor Tope Dosumu



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**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

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

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday - Friday

8:00 am Building Usage: Med-City Driving

Tuesday, August 8

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, August 9

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

Thursday, August 10

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Sunday, August 13**

**9:30 am** Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

## Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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

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



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,  
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## Church Staff

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## Serving in Worship Today

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Peggy McCarty

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