

YOU ARE
FORGIVEN
*Completely, totally,
perfectly.*

July 28, 2024

Welcome to worship this morning!
Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response,
* indicates please stand, if able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us hear what the Lord our God speaks:
God speaks peace to God's people, to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.
Seeking peace, in word, in song, and in prayer,
let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN GTG 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God's salvation is at hand, that God's glory may dwell in us.
Turning towards God, let us confess the ways we have sinned.

Gracious God,

We humbly confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be.

We seek peace and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of those around us.

**We live our lives in ways that bring chaos and calamity to our neighbors.
Cleanse us from sin and show us your steadfast love,
so that in turning to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of creation.**

Beloved, God has forgiven all of your trespasses. You are alive together with God. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God,

Today we will read stories of those who have known hurt—

people who have carried shame, who have lived with grief and chronic illness, who have felt alone and ignored, who have seen the depths of suffering.

As we listen, we will be reminded of the hurt we have carried during these fragile days—memories and regrets co-mingling in our chests.

And as we listen, we will be reminded that our neighbors, our siblings in faith, also come to this space carrying burdens.

So dust off our ears and stretch open the canvases of our hearts so that in our pain, we might lean into one another as we lean into you.

Pull us close.

We are listening.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 85

Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.**

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?

**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:6-14

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jennifer and Glenna

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-15

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know

what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Carla

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Family of faith, it does not take long to look around the world and point out places of pain and suffering. This year has been hard for so many, but I do not believe that pain will be the last word. Each week in our worship service you are invited to give to the mission and ministry of this church. When you give, you are not only supporting this congregation, but you are offering care to the broader community—leaning in, asking the hard questions, choosing connection, choosing generosity. It is these small acts of care, connection, and love that in time, can help heal the hurt in the world.

So friends, I've been meaning to ask... will you give your offering now?
Let us give with grateful hearts.

An offering plate is placed near the back of the room to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The musical score is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 442

Just As I Am

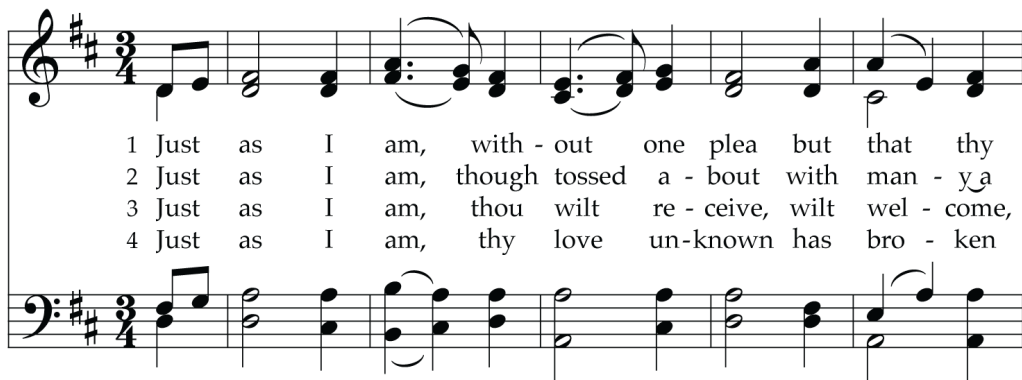
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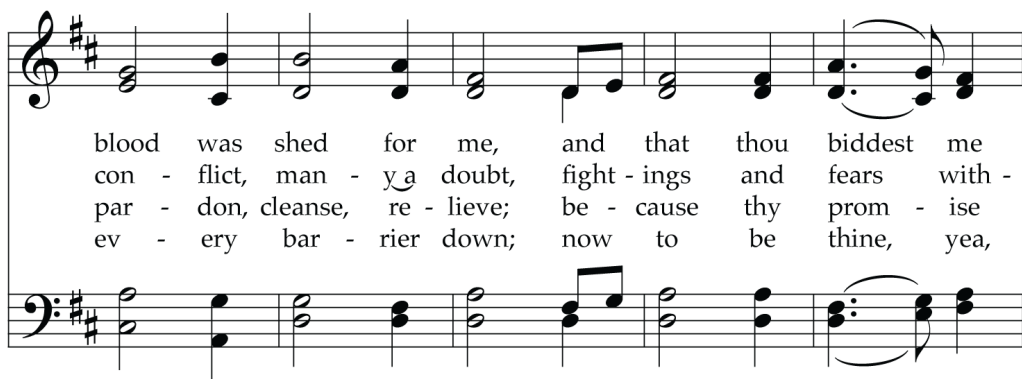
Family of faith,
as you leave this place, may God grant you
the curiosity to counter assumptions,
the vulnerability to befriend,
the bravery to speak your truth,
the wisdom to listen,
the strength to ask for help,
the resiliency to chose love, even when it's hard,
and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.
In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself,
go in peace.

POSTLUDE

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

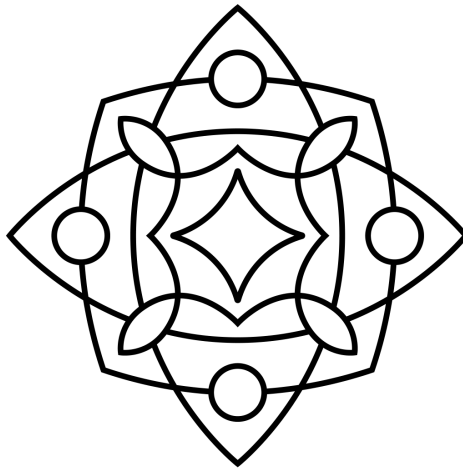


blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
I be - lieve,
thine a - lone,

I FORGIVE MYSELF



I ACCEPT MY PAST

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, July 28

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Monday, July 29

6:00 pm Session Meeting (off site)

Tuesday, July 30

12:00 pm Items for the Bulletin are Due

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

Wednesday, July 31

9:00 am Prayer Group

Thursday, August 1

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, August 4

**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 daughters Jenny & Elissa

Connie Holst

Vera Atkinson, Karen and Pastor
Carla and their family

The family of Ron Murray

Dick Massaro

Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline

Roland Ronningen and his parents

Frank Jones

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