

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



July 20, 2025

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let's pause and take a deep breath.

We remember who we are:

We are the body of Christ.

We remember whose we are:

We are God's beloved children.

We remember our chief purpose:

To glorify and enjoy God forever.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of the unimaginable, you come to us as the hungry visitor in need of shelter and the woman sitting at your feet, craving to learn more. You make yourself at home among us, learning our names and our stories, dwelling with us wherever we lay our head, and making miracles out of the mundane and saints out of the ordinary. Thank you for showing up in the holy spaces and the unexpected places. May we show up in this world like you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 12

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Those who speak the truth from their heart abide in God's presence. Let us speak the truth now as we confess our sin together:

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions.

**We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment,
but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world.**

We are distracted by our fears.

We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security.

**Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity.
We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities,
leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.**

**We confess our distraction,
even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it
because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet,
learning what it means to follow him.
We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.**

**Forgive us.
Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

This good news will not be taken away:

We are seen as God's beloved children, holy and blameless, reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Let us live into this good news: we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, still our hearts and silence our distractions so that we can be fully present to your Word. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, let us hear what you have to say to us today, and give us the courage to listen and respond to your call. In Jesus' name,
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn Sing

HYMN GTG 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

vs. 1-2

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

HYMN GTG 370

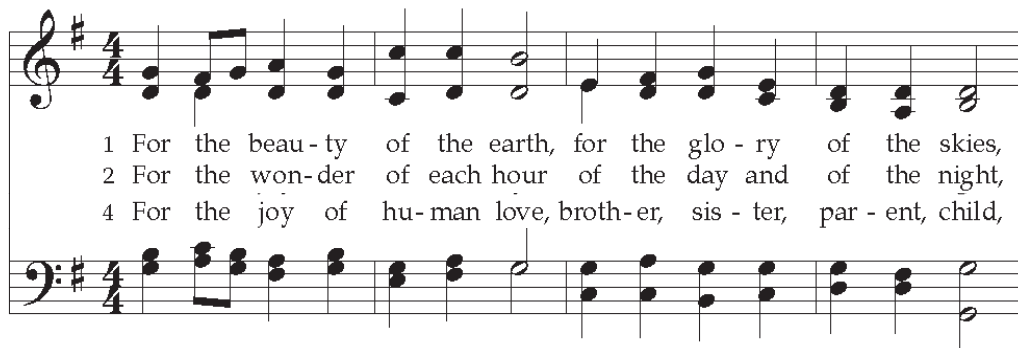
This Is My Father's World
**This is my Father's world,
 and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
 the music of the spheres.**
**This is my Father's world;
 I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
 his hand the wonders wrought.**

**2 This is my Father's world.
 O, let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.**
**This is my Father's world.
 The battle is not done:
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 and earth and heaven be one.**

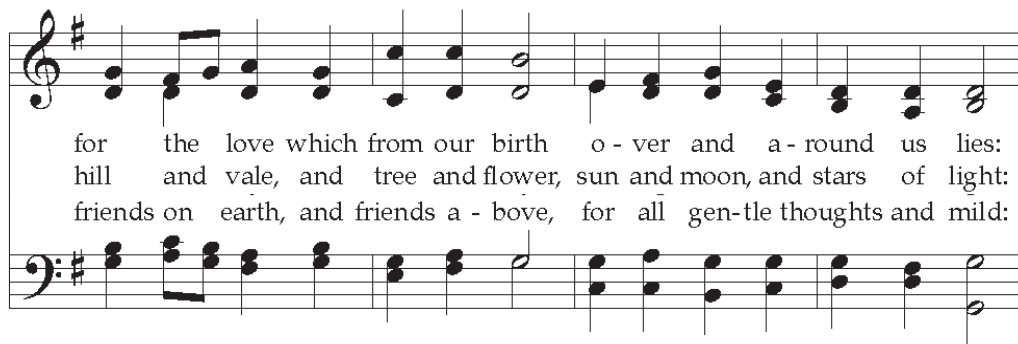
HYMN GTG 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

vs. 1,2, 4



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain



GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

The Message Bible

As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.”

The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it’s the main course, and won’t be taken from her.”

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Commentary by Niveen Sarras and others

Read by Ivy Pillers

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

In Christ, we have received the better part, which will not be taken away. We offer our gifts with joy and gratitude. Freely we have received; now freely let us give.

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 324

For All the Faithful Women

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1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise,
saying: In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the church . . .

Hold us together as the body of Christ,
and let us know the mind of Christ our head,
so that we may seek your will on earth.
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the world . . .

Stop the destructive tracks of those
who trample upon the poor and needy
and bring ruin to your good creation.
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for this community . . .

Help us to show your hospitality
to the visitors and strangers among us,
feeding and serving them with love.
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for loved ones . . .

Help us to bear the burdens of those
who are weary from their life and labor.
Let them find rest and peace in you.
In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

Strengthen us to run the race that is before us,
laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death
and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:
Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celtic Version, <https://www.earthandsoul.org/prayers>

**Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.
Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 547

Go My Children With My Blessing

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

The kingdom of God, the power of Christ, and the glory of the Spirit
be with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God
and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
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Sunday, July 20

9:30 am Worship - Outdoor and Online
Hymn Sing Sunday!

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Monday, July 21

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

Tuesday, July 22

12:00 pm Bulletins Announcements Due

7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

Thursday, July 24

5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, July 27

8:45 am Walk-In Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios



7/27 Walk In Choir

8/3 Worship with
Communion

8/10 Worship
and a Baptism

8/17 Joint Worship with CPC Plainview -
sign up for car-pooling in the narthex!



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughters Jenny & Elissa
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline
Jennifer Hall and Sage Hall
Shannon Cisewski
Amy Ward and family
Sherrie Wilson

*To be added to the prayer list, please con-
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Serving in Worship Today

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Liturgist	Sue Chipman
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