

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



August 24, 2025

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

by Wm Bradbury arr. by Lorie Line

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Consuming Fire, you spark awe and joy
with the work of your hands and the power of your deeds.

You give us an unshakable kin-dom in this ever-shaking world.

So we give thanks and worship you with reverence and awe.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our rock and fortress, the task is daunting:
remove the yoke, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil from among us.
So we proclaim: **You are my rock and my fortress!**

The work is hard: offer food to the hungry, satisfy the needs of the afflicted.
So we sing out: **You are my rock and my fortress!**

You crown us with steadfast love and mercy and work justice for all who are oppressed.
You show us that we don't have excuses because you have given us the right words,
the right actions.
So we remember: **You are my rock and my fortress!**

Give us refuge and guide us,
Satisfy our needs and send us out to spread your message and do your will,
that we may be like a watered garden, repairers of the breach, restorers of streets.
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

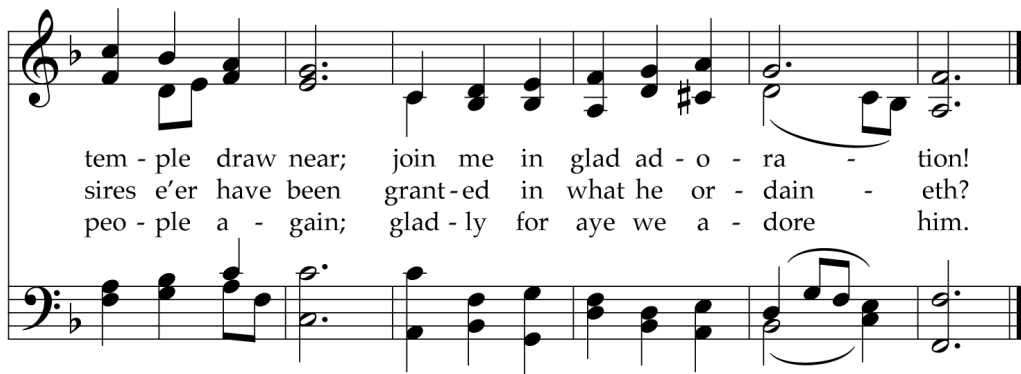
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In faith and in hope, turning to the rock of our salvation,
 let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives.

We tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world.

We neglect the needs of others.

**In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us.
Turn us to your way and lead us in your light,
that we might serve you and care for all of creation.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is our hope and our trust, our light and salvation. Believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”
But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Walk in Choir

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our *Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on

her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

Commentary by Chelsey Harmon

Read by Bruce Felger

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

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 795 Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



Fine

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is still un-
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us,
let us make our prayers of intercession for all,
saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . .
Let your church be a living sign
of the kingdom that cannot be shaken,
where we will worship you forever.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . .
Be a rock of refuge and a strong fortress
for those who are in trouble or distress.
Rescue the innocent from the wicked.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . .
Teach us to offer our food to the hungry,
and provide for the needs of the afflicted
so that your light may shine in us.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer..**

We pray for loved ones . . .
Forgive their sins, heal their diseases,
bring them up out of their despair,
and satisfy them with your goodness.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one,
make us one with you through Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent to redeem us,
and in whose holy name we pray. **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 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The Lord bless and keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

Psalm 121:8

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel,
and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 4:2, 5;

Luke 18:1

POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

by Anthony Showalter arr. by Duane Ream



Come Worship in the sun and enjoy our Garden of Life!
Sunophobe? Bring your umbrella!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

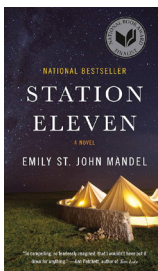
Volunteers to help set up required!

Outdoor Worship on September 7!

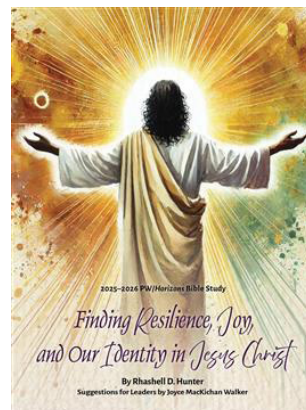
Join CPC as we worship in the garden one last time for 2025! Bring your sunglasses and a lawn chair. We, once again, welcome Brass, Etc! to our worship service. Don't miss this fun Sunday!



The Book Group will resume on Sunday, September 21. They will read *Station Eleven* by Mandel, Emily St. John. For more information, check out the September Newsletter (coming out this week!). Join in reading this interesting book!



The PW Bible Study will begin in September. It will meet every other week for 5 get-togethers this fall and then will finish the study next spring. Study guides have been ordered and should be here soon! Exact dates will be in the September Newsletter! Questions? Talk to Mary Alice.



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Sunday, August 24

8:45 am Walk In Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, August 26

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, August 27

5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, August 31

**9:30 am Worship with a Hymn Sing
- Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal

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

*To be added to the prayer list, please con-
tact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email:
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Serving in Worship Today

Speaker	Bruce Felger
Guest Pianist	Judy Kereakos
Liturgist	Sue Chipman
Special Music	Walk In Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch