

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able  
An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Our gracious God has created us and called us his own.

**Let us worship the triune God.**

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

**Let us worship the triune God.**

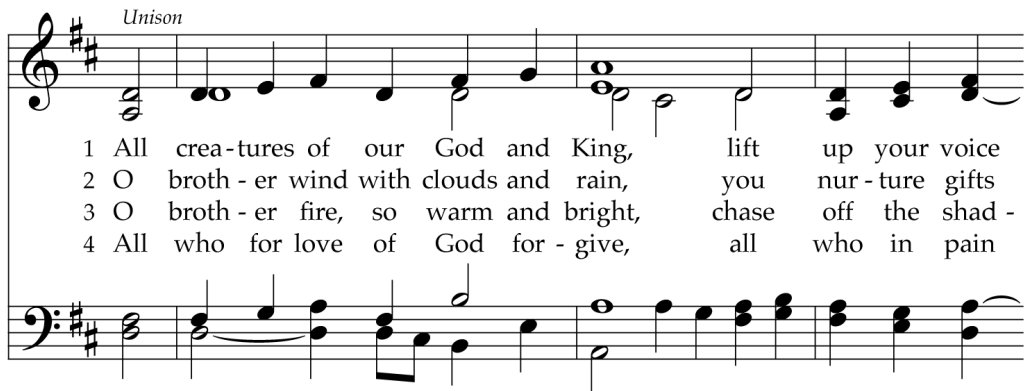
The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

**In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!**

### OPENING HYMN GTG 15

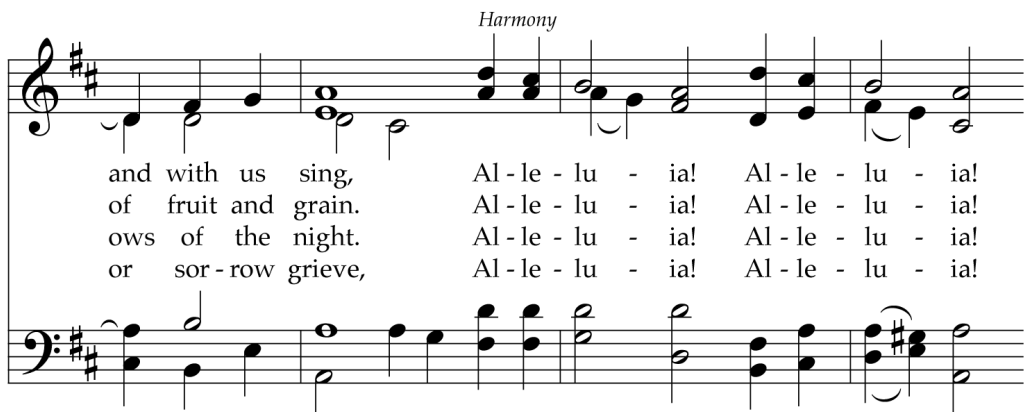
### All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts  
3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

*Harmony*



and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon  
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for  
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -  
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew us.

**Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are.**

**We are a people who prefer our will to your will.**

**We focus on things of the self and give little thought or care to others.**

**We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship,  
let alone our call to help others become disciples.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness. Amen.**

Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. By your Spirit, we ask that you would speak, as we, your people, are listening. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule

over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

**you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

**all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,**  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Christopher Miller

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 22

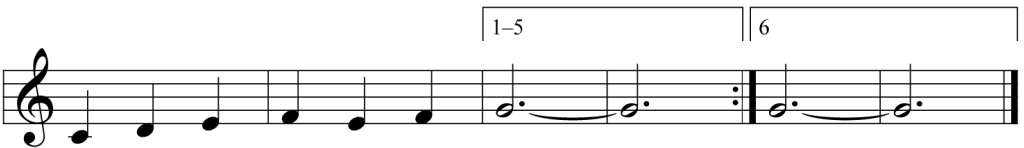
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks

**4 God of the hungry, God of the sick  
 God of the prodigal  
 How does the creature say Care?  
 How does the creature say Life?**

**5 God of the neighbor, God of the foe  
 God of the pruning hook  
 How does the creature say love?  
 how does the creature say peace?**

**6 God of the ages, God near at hand  
 God of the loving heart  
 How do your children say Joy?  
 How do your children say Home?**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *The Study Catechism*)

How do you live for the love of God?

**I love because God first loved me.**

**God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends.**

**Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself.**

**I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake.**

**Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me. Amen.**

# INVITATION TO OFFERING

Having heard of God's love and grace to us all, let us give all that we are to God. Let us give too of what we have for God's work in the world.

DOXOLOGY GTG 710

## We Are an Offering



We lift our voice-es; we lift our hands; we lift our




lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our



voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our



lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.



All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we



give to you, we give to you. We lift our



voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:



## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. We dedicate these gifts given this day to your work of making disciples in this time and place. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**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 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission *next page*

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

From 2 Corinthians:

“Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

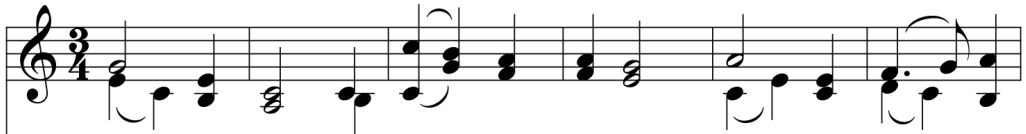
“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” **And also with you.**

I charge you to live as disciples, empowered by the triune God, this day and forever more. And may you be surrounded with the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Spirit. **Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

Liturgy written by Tara Bulger  
and provided for free distribution.

# LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis-sion, and the  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a -  
this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly  
do, for - give." Yet we heard as pri - vate trea-sure all that  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor-ing, may we



gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your  
bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,  
lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the world a -  
you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy  
serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's  
lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



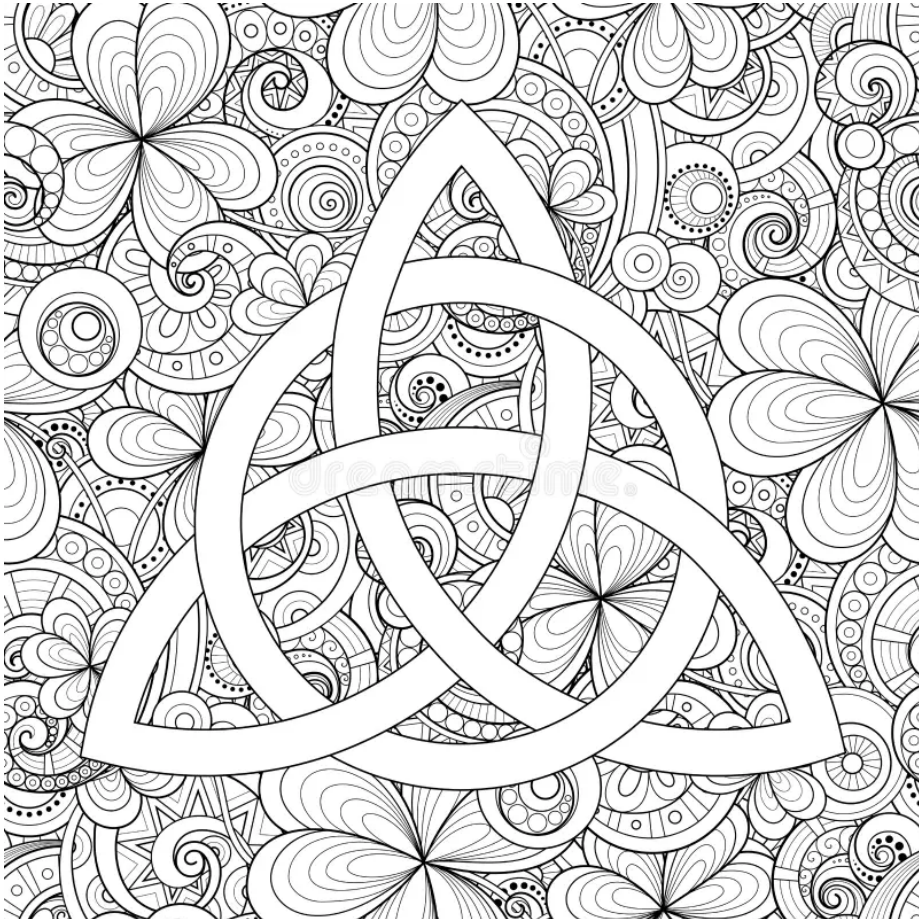
gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.



**The Annual Spring Fling is scheduled for to-day, Sunday, May 31, from noon to 4 pm.**

Tentatively the agenda will include (weather permitting): cleaning windows inside and out, kitchen deep clean, moving some file cabinets, trimming foliage near the mailboxes to expose the handicapped parking signs, tightening hardware on the great room chairs, cleanup of our area in the middle storage room, and re-install speed bumps.

**Come dressed for work!  
Many hands make light work!**



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**Sunday, May 31**

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

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

9:30 am PW Bible Study

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

Wednesday, June 3

8:00 am Prayer Group

**Sunday, June 7**

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



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Amy Ward and family

Sherrie Wilson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Sue Chipman

Shannon Cisewski

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## Serving in Worship Today

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IT Support Louis Bouchard  
& Bruce Felger

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Pianist Tianyao Xie

Custodian Nancy Sanford

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