

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



“The Kingdom of Heaven has Come Near”

Sunday, June 14, 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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

arr. Porter

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 116)

The Lord hears us when we cry out.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord showers us with blessings.

Praise the Lord!

Let us lift up the name of Lord for all to hear!

Praise the Lord!

Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Abraham and Sarah, Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob and Rachel; your faithfulness endures through generations. You give us salvation and we offer you our soul; you justify our lives and we put our faith in you. Thank you for peace of mind, joy of heart, and green pastures that praise you. Continue to guide us, O God, that we may grow for generations to come. **Amen.**

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 - dering. 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below the vocal lines. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

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

God hears our voices and our supplications. We can call on God in all our joys, doubts, successes, and failures. Knowing that God will listen, let us confess.

**God of our salvation,
 incline your ear to us.**

**You have given us power:
 power to heal, to bring hope,
 to comfort, to restore.**

**But we ignore that power,
 choosing to live our own lives.**

**At worst, we abuse that power,
 storing up riches for ourselves
 without an eye for the needs of others.**

**Forgive us. Remind us of our call
 to proclaim your good news,
 and to welcome each other
 as we would welcome you.**

The ancient words still bring truth today:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Praise be to God for this abounding love!

Alleluia!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of joy and wonder, breathe your Spirit upon us. Open our hearts and ears to hear these ancient words and be surprised. Open our minds and our eyes to see our place in your living word today and every day. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

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." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in

our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

SPECIAL MUSIC

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Carter

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

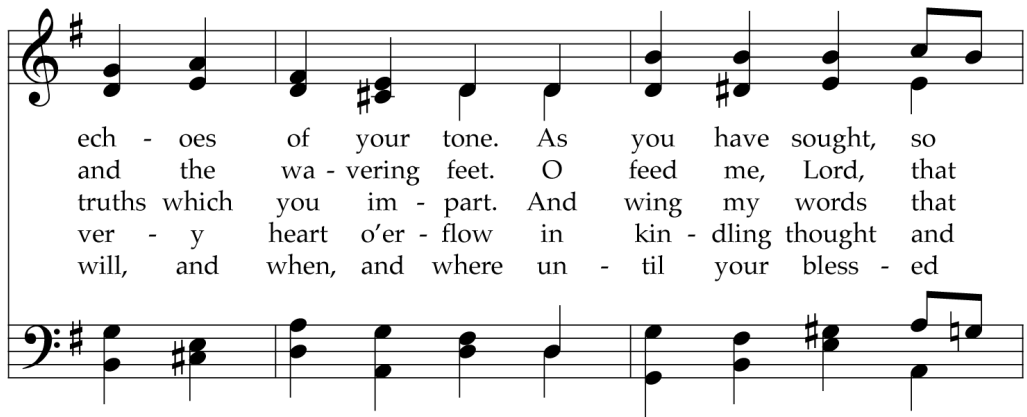
Rev. Christopher Miller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

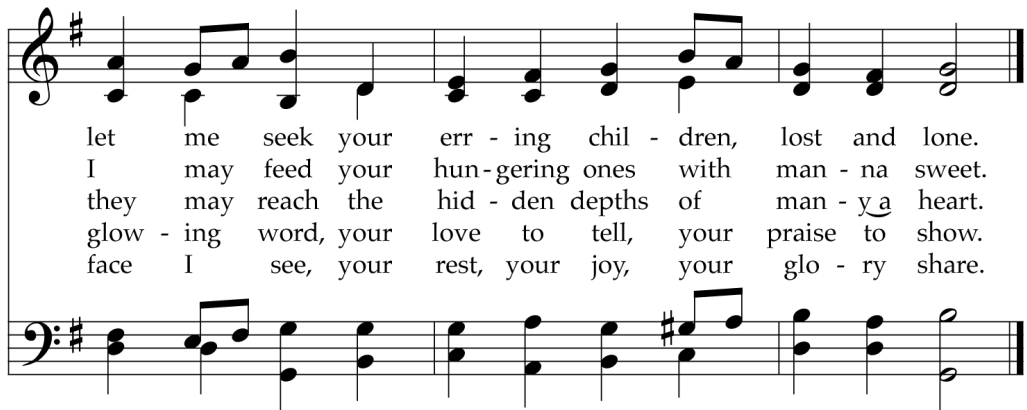
*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 722 Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

All we have, we have from God, the one who made each of us with unique gifts that together make the body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we reach up in thanksgiving, and we reach out in service, sharing our time, talents, and treasures, so that God's kingdom may come here and now. Let us consider our gifts given in grateful praise.

DOXOLOGY GTG 710

We Are an Offering

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.**

**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 voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering;**

We are an offering.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, how can we thank you for all that you have given us? We give back but a tiny portion in hopes that it may bless the world as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, our brother and our Lord, **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 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Friends, we cannot stay here. There is work to be done out there. Go, be the church in the world. Love boldly. Speak bravely. Laugh joyfully. And trust in what the Lord can do.

May the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit uplift and uphold you now and forever. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

When We Are Living

arr. Carter



As Pastor Paul will be joining us soon, we need to be ready to wear nametags! If you need a new nametag, please let Stephanie know this week!

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Liturgy written by Rae Watson
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Additionally, *Call to Worship* was used as a resource.



Beginning in July, the church office will only be open on Mondays on an “as needed” basis. Regular office hours will continue Tuesday-Thursday.



Thank you to Carole Kinion Copeland for your work in our gardens!



Return to
your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has
been good to you.

PSALM 116



**Outdoor worship on Sunday, June 28th with a Pancake Breakfast following worship!
Bring your lawnchair and your sunglasses!**



Great Spring Fling on Sunday, May 31.
Through the combined efforts of CPC and LaBranza, we completed most of what we planned. We had a great meal together. It included a taco bar from Los Arcos complimented by tamales from LaBranza.

Thank you to all who participated!

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Sunday, June 14

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

Monday-Friday, June 15-19

8:00 am Great Room Use: MedCity Driving

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 am Prayer Group

Sunday, June 21

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Amy Ward and family

Sherrie Wilson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Sue Chipman

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