

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, June 7, 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

Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!

God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.

Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

God's love endures forever. Amen!

Let us worship together.

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not loved our enemies.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, your Word is upright, and you are faithful to your promises. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit move among us, inspiring faith without fear, and showing us a new way forward. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according

to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sillienne

Jennifer Taylor & Judy Kereakos

by Maria Theresa Von Paradis, Arranged by James Prodan

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Susan Li

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



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



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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

In gratitude for God's grace and love, we offer gifts that have been entrusted to us, trusting in God's faithful love and provision. Let us joyfully offer the gifts of our lives!

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

Holy God, we offer our gifts today and every day, trusting in your promises to heal, reconcile and bring justice and peace. May all that we offer be transformed into signs of your love and acts of your mercy. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S EASTER PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You shared a meal with Abraham and Sarah and promised them that in due season they would become the ancestors of a great people. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.

Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we offer our gifts today and every day, trusting in your promises to heal, reconcile and bring justice and peace. May all that we offer be transformed into signs of your love and acts of your mercy. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 177

I Will Come to You



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain



Do not be a - afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Let us go from this place with the courage and faith of Sarai and Abram, strengthened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus, relying on the grace of God made known to us in Jesus Christ.

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and always. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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!

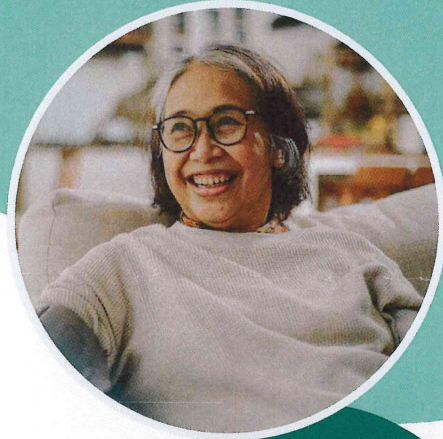
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Your heart.
Join us in bringing
compassion and
comfort to those
who need it most.**



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SEASONS  HOSPICE

Since 1996

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Sunday, June 7

9:30 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online

Monday-Friday, June 8-12

8:00 am Great Room Use: MedCity Driving

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

Wednesday, June 3

8:00 am Prayer Group

Friday, June 12

6:30 pm Library, Great Room Use:
SE MN ASD Social Group

9:00 pm Great Room Prep for Sat. Rental

Saturday, June 13

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Rental

Sunday, June 14

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

Shannon Cisewski

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Serving in Worship Today

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