



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide  
7 May 2023

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Just As I Am*

### \*Call to Worship

(One) The Lord is Risen!

**(All) He is Risen, indeed, Alleluia!**

(One) Give thanks to the Risen Lord, who is holy.

**(All) God's steadfast love endures forever!**

(One) Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**(All) This is the gate of the Lord; let us come and worship God together.**

## Opening Prayer

### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

(One) In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**(All) Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

(One) You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

**(All) Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

(One) My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**(All) Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

### \*Hymn (68)

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing,

tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing,

call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above;

praise his name—I'm fixed upon it—

name of God's redeeming love.

(2) Here I raise to thee an altar,

hither by thy help I've come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure,

safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wand'ring from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger,

bought me with his precious blood.

(3) O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me,  
when you coming into Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into Your Kingdom.

### **Silence**

### **Response**

*Hear Our Prayer O'Lord*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **First Reading**

*Acts 7:55-60*

### **Second Reading**

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 14:1-14*

### **Sermon**

### **\*Hymn (66)**

*To God Be The Glory*

(1) To God be the glory, great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

### **Refrain:**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done.

(2) O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

(3) Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath  
done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

## **RESPONSE**

### **Prayer of Invitation**

*Let All Who Are Thirsty Come*

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion**

*I Am the Bread of Life*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Nicene Creed*

**I believe** in one God, the Father almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

**I believe** in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son  
of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all  
things were made. For us men and for our salvation he

came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Offertory**

*Care Chorus*

**\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (sins/trespass)

## SENDING

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Prayer Moment*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth**

The Intergenerational Study of the Bible is on for **Sunday, May 7 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.**

### **Games Up Here**

No games this Monday, May 8th, 2023.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Our Weekly Bible Study is on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5:00pm.**

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, May 11 at 7:00am.**

### **Next Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day!**

Join us after worship next week, **Sunday, May 14 for a special Mother's Day meal.** The men of the church will be serving up waffles, bacon and sausage.

**Pastor:** Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

**Organist/Pianist:** Celeste Scott (recorded)

**Pianist:** Silas Santos

## SCRIPTURES

### **Acts 7:55-60**

7:55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

7:56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

7:57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

7:58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

7:59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

7:60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

### **1 Peter 2:2-10**

2:2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-

2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

2:4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

2:5 like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2:6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

2:7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

2:8 and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **John 14:1-14**

14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

14:2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

14:4 And you know the way to the place where I am going."

14:5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

14:7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

14:8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

14:12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

14:13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14:14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.