



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
8 September 2024

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

(One) The Kingdom of God is both now and yet to come.

**(All) A tiny mustard seed was sown. When it had grown into a great bush, the birds of the air came and made nests in it.**

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**(All) A woman took a small amount of yeast and kneaded it into some flour. All of the dough was leavened.**

(One) The Kingdom of God is both now and yet to come.  
**(All) A treasure was hidden in a field. Someone found it and joyfully sold all he had to buy the field.**

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**(All) A merchant in search of fine pearls, finds one of great value. He sells all of his possessions and buys it.**

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Let all who have ears, hear.

### Opening Prayer

#### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 146*

(One) Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**(All) Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

(One) Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

**(All) The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

(One) The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**(All) The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

#### \*Chant of Taizé

*Let All Who Are Thirsty Come*

*Let all who are thirsty come.*

*Let all who wish receive, the water of life freely.*

*Amen, come Lord Jesus. Amen, come Lord Jesus.*

## Prayer of Confession

(All) God of Forgiveness, we come before you today with humble and contrite hearts. Together, we confess our sinfulness before you. We confess that we don't always show your love to others. Forgive us for our apathy. Help us to forgive ourselves and those who seek forgiveness from us, that You may be glorified in us as we share Your love. Amen.

## Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

## PROCLAMATION

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:4-7*

### New Testament Reading

*James 2:1-17*

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 7:24-37*

## Sermon

## RESPONSE

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### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles Creed*

**I believe** in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose

from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## Offertory

### \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

## Passing of the Peace

### Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

**(All) ... Hear our prayers.**

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

## SENDING

### Charge

### Benediction

### Postlude

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# SCRIPTURES

## **Isaiah 35:4-7**

*God comes with healing*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

## **James 2:1-17**

*Faith without works is dead*

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if

you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## **Mark 7:24-37**

*Christ heals a little girl and a deaf man*

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to

tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."