

Community Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 9 February 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(One) We have been called out of darkness. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) Like the Magi, we have beheld Christ's glory–His glory as the only Son of the Father.

(One) For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Christ is the King of all nations. Christ is Lord over all creation.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 138

(One) Your love endures forever. I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

(All) I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

(One) On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

(All) All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

(One) They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

(All) For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

(One) Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

(All) The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

*Hymn (426)

Blessed Assurance

(1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

- (2) Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]
- (3) Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession

(All) God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading New Testament Reading Gospel Reading Isaiah 6:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

*Hymn (358)

Here I Am, Lord

(1) I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Who shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.
I will hold, Your people in my heart.

- (2) I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they run away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]
- (3) I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

RESPONSE

*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 6:1-8, (9-13)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

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Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

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And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

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The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

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And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" 6:6

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 6:7

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

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Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed."

6:11

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said, "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

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until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

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Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." (The holy seed is its stump.)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,

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through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

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For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures

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and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures

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and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

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Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

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Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me.

15:11

Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,

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he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

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He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

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When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

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Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

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When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst.

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So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

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But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

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For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken,

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and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 5:11

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.