



Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide
11 May 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) Alleluia, Christ is risen!

(All) The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

(One) Glory to you, O God, on this day you won victory over death, raising Christ Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life in Him.

(All) Glory to you, O Christ, for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

(One) Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, you lead us into the truth. Guide our worship today.

(All) Let us now worship God with the joyful "Alleluias" of praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 23

(One) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

(All) He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

(One) Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

(All) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

(One) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Hymn (422)Amazing Grace*

(1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

(3) The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

(4) Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and reversed the curse of death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of abundant mercy. Help us to trust in Your Spirit as we are formed in the likeness of Christ. Restore us and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silence**Assurance of Pardon****PROCLAMATION****First Reading***Acts 9:36-43***Second Reading***Revelation 7:9-17***Gospel Reading***John 10:22-30***Sermon*****Hymn (51)***How Great Thou Art*

(1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

(2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]

(3) And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]

(4) When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

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** (*A Capella*)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

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At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

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Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

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So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

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Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

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He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

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This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and

peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

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They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

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And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

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singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

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I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15

For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

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They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

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for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

John 10:22-30

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

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and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

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So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

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Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me,

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but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.

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My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

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I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

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My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all else, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand.

10:30

The Father and I are one."