

# **Community Presbyterian Church**

Fifth Sunday of Ordinal Time Fruit of the Spirit 20 July 2025

# GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

# Prelude

# \*Call to Worship

(One) Come let us worship the God who began a good work in us and continues to work in our lives-guiding, teaching and equipping us to bear witness until Jesus Christ returns. (All) May our love and compassion continue to grow, a love that is full of knowledge and wisdom, that we might recognize God's truth and live our lives-holy and set apart for His purposes.

(One) May we live lives filled with the Holy Spirit, bearing rich fruit, proclaiming to the world that Christ is in us. (All) Holy Spirit, grant us your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and selfcontrol.

(One) May our fruit be born of the Holy Spirit and seen by the world. That all might know we belong to God. Come let us worship the living God.

# **Opening Prayer**

Responsive Psalm (Adapted)

Psalm 15

(One) O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

# (All) Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart.

(One) Those who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors.

(All) Those in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD.

(One) Those who stand by their oath even to their hurt

(All) Those who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

(One) Those who do these things shall never be moved. (All) May we abide in Your tent, O'Lord. Let us dwell on Your holy hill.

(One) Come, let's us abide, dwell, and worship the living God-the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

#### \*Folk Rock

Turn, Turn, Turn

Chorus: To everything, turn, turn, turn. There is a season, turn, turn, turn. And a time to every purpose under heaven.

(1) A time to be born, a time to die. A time to plant, a time to reap. A time to kill, a time to heal. A time to laugh, a time to weep. [Chorus]

(2) A time to build up, a time to break down. A time to dance, a time to mourn. A time to cast away stones. A time to gather stones together. [Chorus]

(3) A time of love, a time of hate. A time of war, a time of peace. A time you may embrace. A time to refrain from embracing. [Chorus]

(4) A time to gain, a time to lose. A time to rend, a time to sew. A time for love, a time for hate. A time for peace, I swear it's not too late. [Chorus]

## **Prayer of Confession**

(All) Gracious Father, forgive us for failing to love you and neglecting our neighbor. Have patience with us as we ignore the joy and peace you grant us daily. Pardon us for our

impatience with others and with Your timing. Christ Jesus, forgive us for moments of unkindness and for when we chose sin over Your goodness. Forgive us for our lack of faith, our anger, and when we resist Your Spirit's guidance. Prune us, that we might bear fruit for your Kingdom here on Earth. Amen.

#### Silence

Assurance of Pardon

# PROCLAMATION

**Old Testament Reading New Testament Reading Gospel Reading** 

Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

#### Sermon

## \*Hymn (72)

Great is Thy Faithfulness (1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

# Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

(2) Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

(3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [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 of Christ

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

# SENDING

# **Prayer for Patience**

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, Whose day is near. Wait for the Lord. Keep watch, take heart.

# **Benediction**

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# SCRIPTURES

# Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 18:2

He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

18:3

He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

18:4

Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

18:5

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

18:6

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

18:7

Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 18:8

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

# 18:9

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

#### 18:10a

Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

## Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

1:16

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

## 1:17

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

1:18

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

## 1:19

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 1:20

and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

1:21

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

1:22

he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,

#### 1:23

provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

1:24

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

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I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

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the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

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To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1:28

It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

# Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

## 10:39

She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying.

10:40

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me."

## 10:41

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things,

# 10:42

but few things are needed--indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."