

Community **Presbyterian Church**

Sixth Sunday of Ordinal Time Fruit of the Spirit 27 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 self-control.

(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

Psalm 138

(One) 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

Be Kind to One Another

Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too — forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you. Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin. Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.

Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say. Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray. Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind. Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.

Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see; Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee. The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin! Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.

O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do: Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you. Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.

May love become our message; may kindness win the day.

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 18:20-32 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

RESPONSE

*Hymn (466)

Take My Life and Let it Be

- (1) Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.
- (2) Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.
- (3) Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;

take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.

(4) Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

*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

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Genesis 18:20-32

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin!

18:21

I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

18:22

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

18:23

Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

18:24

Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

18:25

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

18:26

And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

18:27

Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

18:28

Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

18:29

Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

18:30

Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

18:31

He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

18:32

Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Colossians 2:6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him,

2:7

rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2:8

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

2:9

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

2:10

and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

2:11

In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

2:12

when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

2:13

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

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erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

2:15

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

2:16

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths.

2:17

These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ.

2:18

Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on selfabasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,

2:19

and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

11:2

so he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

11:3

Give us each day our daily bread.

11:4

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

11:5

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

11:6

for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

11:7

And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

11:8

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

11:9

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

11:10

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

11:11

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

11:12

Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? 11:13

If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"