



faithfulness

Community Presbyterian Church

Eighth Sunday of Ordinal Time
Fruit of the Spirit
10 August 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 33:12-22

(One) Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

(All) The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

(One) A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

(All) Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

(One) Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.

(All) Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***Hymn (502)**

Be Thou My Vision

(1) Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(2) Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Hight King of Heaven, my Treasure thou art.

(3) High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Genesis 15:1-6

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

RESPONSE

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 hast been thou forever wilt be.

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, 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.

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!

(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.

***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

(One) Lord, in Your mercy,

(All) Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

15:2

But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

15:3

And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

15:4

But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

15:5

He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

15:6

And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

11:2

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

11:3

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

11:8

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

11:9

By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

11:10

For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11:11

By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised.

11:12

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

11:13

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

11:14

for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

11:15

If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

11:16

But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

12:32

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

12:33

Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

12:34

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

12:35

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;

12:36

be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

12:37

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

12:38

If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

12:39

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

12:40

You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."