



# Community Presbyterian Church

Ninth Sunday of Ordinal Time  
Fruit of the Spirit  
17 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 82*

(One) God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

**(All) Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.**

(One) Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

**(All) They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

(One) I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."

**(All) Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!**

**\*Hymn (326)**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

[Refrain]

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

(1) You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings! *[R]*

(2) You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you  
spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *[R]*

(3) You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you  
whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again, when you blew  
through your people on the rush of the wind. *[R]*

(4) You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *[R]*

**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**

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

**New Testament Reading**

*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:49-56*

**Sermon**

**RESPONSE**

**\*Hymn (559)**

*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?  
Whom 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 turn 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? [R]

(3) I, the Lord of wind and flamel will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied,  
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? [R]

**\*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

### Community Presbyterian Church

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## SCRIPTURES

### Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

5:2

He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

5:3

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

5:4

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

5:5

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

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I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

5:7

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

## **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

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By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

11:31

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

11:32

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

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who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

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quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

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Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

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Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment.

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They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--

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of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

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Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,

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since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

12:2

looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **Luke 12:49-56**

"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze!

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I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

12:51

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

12:52

From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

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they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

12:54

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens.

12:55

And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.

12:56

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?