



Community Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinal Time
Fruit of the Spirit
31 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 81:1, 10-16

(One) Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

(All) I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

(One) "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

(All) So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

(One) O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

(All) Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

(One) Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

(All) I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

***Hymn (617)**

A Place At The Table

(1) For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star over head.

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

(2) For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]

(3) For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]

(4) For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]

(5) For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,

to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]

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

Jeremiah 2:4-13

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

RESPONSE

***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.

***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

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

2:5

Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

2:6

They did not say, "Where is the LORD, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

2:7

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

2:8

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

2:9

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

2:10

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

2:11

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

2:12

Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

2:13

for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue.

13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

13:3

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

13:4

Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

13:6

So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

13:7

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

13:15

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

14:7

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

14:8

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host,

14:9

and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

14:10

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

14:11

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

14:12

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

14:13

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14:14

And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."