# Community **Presbyterian Church**

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 21 September 2025

# **GATHERING**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

# \*Call to Worship

(One) Almighty God, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit.

(All) Let us spread this gift throughout the world by our love for one another. That it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(One) Come, Let us worship the God from whom all our blessings flow and who dwells with us today.

(All) We will praise the One who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

# **Opening Prayer**

# **Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 113

(One) Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

(All) Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

(One) From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

(All) The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

(One) Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

(All) He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. (One) He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

# \*Hymn (426)

Blessed Assurance

(1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

- (2) Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]
- (3) Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

### **Call to Confession**

### **Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon** 

# **PROCLAMATION**

Old Testament Reading New Testament Reading Gospel Reading Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

### 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 providedgreat 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** 

**Prayers of the People** 

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

# SENDING

Charge Benediction Postlude

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# **SCRIPTURES**

### Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

8:5

saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances,

8:6

buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

8:7

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

# 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2:2

for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

2:3

This is right and acceptable before God our Savior,

2:4

who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2:5

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

2:6

who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time.

2:7

For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

## Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

16:2

So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your

management because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

16:3

Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

16:4

I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

16:5

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

16:6

He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

16:7

Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

16:8

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

16:9

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

16:10

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

16:11

If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

16:12

And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

### 16:13

No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."