



# Community Presbyterian Church

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
7 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 1*

(One) Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers.

**(All) But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

(One) They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**(All) In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

(One) Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**(All) For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### \*Hymn (428)

*It Is Well, With My Soul*

(1) When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

### Refrain:

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(2) Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

(3) My sin--O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
my sin--not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

(4) And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:  
"Even so"--it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

## Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

# PROCLAMATION

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

### New Testament Reading

*Philemon 1:1-21*

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 14:25-33*

## Sermon

### \*Hymn (68) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--  
name of God's redeeming love.

(2) Here I raise to thee an altar,  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

(3) O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee;  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

# 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

*How Long*

### \*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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**Special Music:** Brent and Ira Clifton

## SCRIPTURES

### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

30:16

If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

30:17

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them,

30:18

I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

30:19

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,

30:20

loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

### Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon,

1:2

to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

1:3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers,

1:5

because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

1:6

I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ.

1:7

I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

1:8

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing,

1:9

yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

1:10

I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

1:11

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.

1:12

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

1:13

I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel,

1:14

but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

1:15

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term,

1:16

no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

1:17

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

1:18

If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me.

1:19

I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

1:20

Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

1:21

Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

### **Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them,

14:26

"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

14:27

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

14:28

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

14:29

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

14:30

saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

14:31

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

14:32

If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

14:33

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.