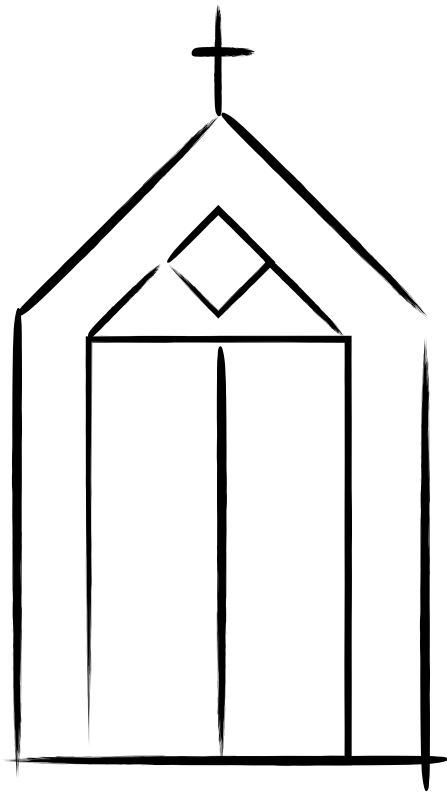




## **Community Presbyterian Church**

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinal Time  
26 October 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 84:1-7*

(One) How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**(All )My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

(One) Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**(All) Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

(One) Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**(All) As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

(One) They go from strength to strength; the God of gods  
will be seen in Zion.

**\*Hymn (507)**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

(1) A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

(2) Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

(3) And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

(4) That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours

thro' him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

**Call to Confession**

**Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22*

**New Testament Reading**

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 18:9-14*

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn (48)**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

(1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

(2) Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

(3) To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

(4) Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## RESPONSE

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

(One) What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**(All)** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*—The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)*

### **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**

### **Community Presbyterian Church**

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**Pianist/Worship Leader:** Amy Humphreys

## SCRIPTURES

### **Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our rebellions indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

14:8

O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

14:9

Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

14:10

Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

14:19

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace but find no good, for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

14:20

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

14:21

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

14:22

Can any idols of the nations bring rain, or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

## **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

4:7

I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

4:8

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

4:16

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

4:17

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

4:18

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **Luke 18:9-14**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

18:10

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

18:11

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

18:12

I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

18:13

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

18:14

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."