

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

JULY 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship

Quote for Meditation: *"To apprentice oneself to a child is to learn that the world is full of wonders, a world in which nothing is simply what it seems because everything is packed with endless possibilities of usefulness and meaning. To enter that world, all you have to do is surrender your certainty that you already know what everything is and is for; all you have to do is start over again, assuming nothing and learning to approach every created thing with awe."* –
Barbara Brown Taylor

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

E. L. Diemer

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

One: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of your children
we do also for him.

All: *Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN: #337**

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

Holy God, you know us in all things, our waking up and our lying down. You see us we are at our best and you forgive us when we miss those marks. In the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

***Sung response: #581**

"Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Children will return to their seats following the children's message

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Pastoral Letter:

Romans 7:15-25a (NT pg. 147)

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

Gospel:

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NT pg.11)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*HYMN: #340

"This Is My Song"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING -

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

OFFERTORY:

Sacred Harp Medley

arr. B. Adams

"Come Thou Fount" (Hymn #475),
"Loaves Were Broken" (Hymn #498)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 **"We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Scrivens

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . Therefore we praise you; joining our voices with the choirs of angels,
with the prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name;

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

“. . .Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.”
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

***Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

The Lord's Prayer ~ sung

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Taking of the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine

*Please take the bread as you receive it to symbolize our individual relationship with Christ.
Please save the cup so that we might all receive it together to symbolize our oneness in Christ.*

Prayer after Communion (in Unison)

***Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.***

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #338 “O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**Communion Music: “Shall We Gather at the River”
 “Down to the River to Pray”**

arr. J. Krug

****Please rise in body or in spirit***

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Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister:	The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Deacon Michelle Scrivens
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka

Ushers & Communion Stewards: Deacons Drew and Peggy Gibbon
Set Up & Communion Stewards: Christy Shepard
Coffee Hour: Dawn and Matt Siegrist

Welcome to our Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don't know and introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in the kitchen following the worship service this morning.

Flowers are given with love and in memory of Dorothy and David Twito. They brought me to church.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 25:19-34 *and Psalm 119:105-112*; Isaiah 55:10-13 *and Psalm 65:(1-8)9-13*; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Lay Assistant for Next Week: Greg Burns
Ushers for Next Week: Dave Rittenhouse and Janine Perry
Coffee Hour Servers for Next Week: Needed



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