

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

JULY 13, 2025

5TH Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: “Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.”
– John Quincy Adams.



“Good Samaritan” (1890)
Vincent van Gogh
Kröller-Müller Museum,
Otterlo, Netherlands



“Good Samaritan” (1880)
Aime Nicholas Morot
Petit Palais, Paris, France

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

“Revive Us Again”
Vicki Kopacka, piano

Arr. L. Shackley

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 25)

Hontz Family Members

One: Teach me your ways, O Lord; make them known to me.

All: **Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God, who saves me. I always trust in you.**

One: Because the Lord is righteous and good, he teaches sinners the path they should follow.

All: **He leads the humble in the right way and teaches them his will.**

*** Opening Hymn: #697**

“Take My Life”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (From Harry Emerson Fosdick)

Eternal Spirit, you are revealed to us in the order of the world we live in, in the truth our minds discover, in the inward presence of your Spirit, and above all in Christ, your Son. With reverent hearts we worship you. See what complaints we have brought into your sanctuary against the circumstances that have fretted us, against the human friends who have failed us, against the enemies who have wronged us, and even against the justice of your order that has hurt us. Teach us, nevertheless, we beseech you, to search our own lives, to see that each person is their own destiny, that each soul is its own heaven and its own hell. Send us back into our own souls to find there by your grace, peace and power, and adequacy to conquer life. May we be victors and not victims. Teach us once again the everlasting mystery that only as we lose ourselves in something higher than ourselves can we find ourselves. Grant that we all may play a part in the things that matter most in our time, so that we may leave this world a fairer home for your family.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Sung response: #581 "Gloria Patri"*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Children will be dismissed to Summer Sunday School following the children's message

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Colossians 1:9-14

We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will, with all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives. ¹⁰ Then you will be able to live as the Lord wants and will always do what pleases him. Your lives will produce all kinds of good deeds, and you will grow in your knowledge of God. ¹¹⁻¹² May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ by whom we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ *A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?"*

²⁶ *Jesus answered him, "What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?"*

²⁷ *The man answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"*

²⁸ *"You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live."*

²⁹ *But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"*

³⁰ *Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. ³¹ It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. ³² In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. ³⁴ He went over to him,*

poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Take care of him,’ he told the innkeeper, ‘and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.’”

³⁶ And Jesus concluded, “In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?”

³⁷ The teacher of the Law answered, “The one who was kind to him.” Jesus replied, “You go, then, and do the same.”

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“Useful Kind”

Mark Hontz

***HYMN: #714**

“God of the Fertile Fields”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

OFFERTORY: “Help is on the Way” (Lake Street Dive, 2024)

Hontz Family Band

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

***BENEDICTION**

**Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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

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

Guest Preacher:	Mark Hontz
Minister:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistants:	Members of the Hontz Family
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Ron and Matt McConnell
Fellowship & Refreshments	Judy Treutlein

*Our worship today was led by the Hontz Family. Mark and Nathaniel are elder law, estate planning, wills and trusts attorneys in Newton. Stephanie teaches algebra and calculus at Kittatinny Regional High School. McGinnis is an Engineer at Raytheon Technologies. Other family members, Thomas (studying for Bar Exam), Susanna (working with refugees at International Institute of New England), and Grecia (Yale Divinity School), are in Boston this weekend. You are invited to visit and subscribe to the "**Hontz Family Band**" [YouTube](#) page, which hosts some of the family's sacred and secular music performances. Nathaniel Hontz's arrangements, hymns, and compositions can be heard and seen on the "**Nathaniel Hontz**" [YouTube](#) page. Flyers are available for our final summer concerts on August 10 at the New Jersey State Fair in Sussex County.*



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