

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

AUGUST 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.”*
Psalm 34:18

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Nancy Thaiss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Nancy Thaiss

One: Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the church
is governed and sanctified.

**All: *Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,
that in the ministry to which you have called us
we may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
In whom alone is salvation, Amen***

*** Opening Hymn: #41**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Elder Nancy Thaiss

We have heard it said, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Welcoming God, we confess how narrowly we define our neighbor and how easily we turn away from those who are not quite like us. We confess our fear of the “other” and our willingness to believe the worst about them. We confess how hard it is to enlarge our vision to include all those whom you call members of your family.

Holy one, forgive us and set us free to love those whom you love so that we may find healing and peace, for Jesus ’sake, Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Nancy Thaiss

***Sung response:**

“Gloria Patri”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Testament:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Pastoral Letter:

Ephesians 6:10-20

Elder Nancy Thaiss

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“Only One God?”

Rev. Chris Scrivens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

“O God, You Search Me”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Elder Nancy Thaiss

(in-person worshippers are welcome to leave offerings in the plate by the door on your way out.)

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

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

Elder Nancy Thaiss

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

POSTLUDE:

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**If you are able, please stand.*

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

Pastor:	The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Elder Nancy M. Thaiss
Director of Family Ministries:	Deacon Emily West
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Organist:	Mary Elizabeth Rawley
Ushers:	Carol and Mark Puffer

Welcome to our Worship Service ~ Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they don't know and introduce visitors to us.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, August 29, 2021: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and *Psalm 15*; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Lay Assistant for August 29:	Deacon Nancy Pappas
Ushers for August 29:	Ron and Matt McConnell



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