

# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

JULY 21, 2024

9<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M.

*Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.*

Quote for Meditation: *"I woke up in the morning knowing I am privileged just to be working on a world I may never see"*  
~Iris DeMent

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Stephanie Hontz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Mark Hontz

PRELUDE:

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" St. Columbia,

arr. D. Wood

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(from Harry Emerson Fosdick)

Stephanie Hontz

One: Eternal God, we are your children, who have wandered far from you.

**All: We return once more to stand in reverence before your face.**

One: From our lack of resources to meet the difficulties that besiege us,

**All: We return to you to find resource, reserve, and power.**

One: From the harshness of life, its unkind ways and ungentle thoughts,

**All: We return to you again to learn good will.**

\* Opening Hymn: #803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(from Harry Emerson Fosdick)

Stephanie Hontz

*O God, cross the inner thresholds of our hearts this day. You know the anxieties there. We face problems that perplex us and tasks for which we feel unequal. Our inner lives are battlefields where faith and fear, confidence and doubt, contend for the victory. We see within our own lives failures that only your mercy can pardon and possibilities of good that only your grace can bring to fulfillment. For every need send your supply. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Stephanie Hontz

\*Sung response: #441 "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

*All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Mark Hontz

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

PSALMS:

Psalm 23

Stephanie Hontz

The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. <sup>2</sup>He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. <sup>3</sup>He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he

has promised. <sup>4</sup> Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim. <sup>6</sup> I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

**GOSPEL:**

**Mark 6:30-34**

Mark Hontz

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned and met with Jesus, and told him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have time to eat. So he said to them, "Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest a while."

<sup>32</sup> So they started out in a boat by themselves to a lonely place.

<sup>33</sup> Many people, however, saw them leave and knew at once who they were; so they went from all the towns and ran ahead by land and arrived at the place ahead of Jesus and his disciples. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.

**Response:**

One: This is the Word of God.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON:**

**"Sheep and Shepherds"**

Mark Hontz

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**"Workin' on a World"** *Iris DeMent*

Hontz Family

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING –**

**OFFERTORY:**

**"Get Together"** *Chet Powers*

Hontz Family

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Stephanie Hontz

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #802**

**"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Elder Mark Hontz

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*)**

Elder Mark Hontz

***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: #756**

**"O God of Every Nation"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Elder Mark Hontz

*\*Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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

Guest Preacher: Elder Mark Hontz  
Minister: Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens  
Lay Assistant: Stephanie Hontz  
Director of Family Ministries: Elder Carolyn Bearlepp  
Music Director: Matt Petrozelli  
Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka  
Ushers: Elder Al Kopacka, Robin Chu  
Fellowship & Refreshments: Krystin Conlan, Kristen Rolfe

Welcome to our Worship Service this morning ~ here and live-streamed. Once again we welcome back Mark Hontz and the Hontz family. Mark is filling in for Pastor Chris who is on ASP Work Camp trip.

Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they don't know and introduce visitors to us.



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