

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“The sin of respectable people reveals itself in the flight from responsibility”* - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Andy Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder Andy Smith

One: Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds,
that in all our works
begun, continued, and ended in you,

**All: *we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy,
obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen***

***OPENING HYMN: #317**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Andy Smith

Heavenly Father,

***you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way
and broken your laws.***

***We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.***

***For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.***

*By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sung response:

“Gloria Patri”

Elder Andy Smith
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:

Old Testament:

Isaiah 35:4-7

Elder Andy Smith

Gospel:

Mark 7:24-37

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“You Never Have to Look Far”

Rev. Chris Scrivens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Scrivens

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT of the LORD’S SUPPER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Scrivens

POSTLUDE:

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Communion Music:

“Taste and See”

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

Pastor: The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant: Elder Andy Smith
Director of Family Ministries: Elder Emily West
Music Director: Matt Petrozelli
Organist: Mary Elizabeth Rawley
Ushers: Hope LeFrancis, Barbara Misar
Communion Steward: Martha Smith



Welcome to our Worship Service ~ here and live-streamed!! 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, September 12: Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9; James 3: 1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Our flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Al and Vicki Kopacka in memory of Al Kopacka, Sr. and in honor of Al and Vicki's 33rd Wedding Anniversary!



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SERVICE OF COMMUNION

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

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*)

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen