

*Welcome to
Community Presbyterian Church
March 29, 2020*

GATHERING

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble...
Therefore, we will not be afraid.... Psalm 46:1,2

Prelude

Welcome, Ministry Notes

Welcome to worship at Community Presbyterian Church. It is good you are here.

Introit

Call To Worship (Adapted from Matthew 5:10, NIV & MSG)

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness...

People:...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: You are blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution

People:...for the persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

Leader: In these times of challenge we are driven deeper into God's presence...
therefore, let us worship together!

Hymn of Praise: "The Mighty God with Power Speaks ~ Psalm 50" (#13 ~ New Presbyterian Hymnal)

**The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys;
from dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays.
The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth;
and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.**

**God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds;
before God's face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends.
All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless;
who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.**

**The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;
against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.
Receive my heart-felt gift of thanks, as honor to your might;
refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Inspired by Matthew 5:10)

Lord God, this has been a tough week. We are still rattled by all the changes happening so fast. There are times we have wondered if You have forgotten us ~ forgive us for such little faith. There are times when we feel like we have done all the right things, yet life is a jumble right now ~ forgive us for being short-sighted in relation to Your protection. Restore our hope, O Lord, when we are afraid ~ renew our confidence when we are beaten down ~ remind us we are Your family and not orphans in this world...
(silent personal confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you. (*Please think of someone you would like to contact this day/week.*)

Gloria Patri

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

Moment for Mission: What is going on in our world...

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *"Blessed Are You..."* Rev. Bob Leivers

Scripture: Matthew 5:10~12

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Prayers of the People Followed by 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.

Offering ~ Of ourselves and resources

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Departing Hymn: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” (#753 ~ New Presbyterian Hymnal)

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.**

**O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardon that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.**

Charge and Benediction: “Go Now in Peace”

Postlude

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