



*Welcome to
Community Presbyterian Church
May 24, 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 Genesis 23:1~3)

Leader: Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old.

People: She died in the land of Canaan.

Leader: Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and weep over her.

People: We know this experience...

Leader: Then Abraham rose to make burial arrangements.

People: We know this experience...

Leader: In life and in death, through pandemics and remembering on Memorial Day, God goes with us to guide and strengthen. As with Abraham let us rise and worship while we remember...

Hymn of Praise: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (#65 New Presbyterian Hymnal)

CWM Rhondda

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to thee; I will ever sing to thee.**

Prayer of Confession (Inspired by Genesis 23:1~4)

You guide us, O Lord, through our daily lives in such a gracious manner we often don't notice You are with us ~ help us to be attentive. Through the living of our days and the mourning of our hearts You walk beside us ~ forgive us when we get too caught up in ourselves and think we are alone. Help us to remember those who have gone before us and help us to mourn ~ forgive us if we abandon hope. Abraham grieved over Sarah and we grieve over our loved ones ~ let us see beyond sight to Your sustaining love...
(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...

Report from the Pastor Nominating Committee

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Father Abraham Mini-Series* "Selecting a Burial Site"

Scripture: Genesis 23:1~20

Rev. Bob Leivers



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 Song: "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest" ~ (#824 New Presbyterian Hymnal) McAfee

**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.**

Refrain:

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. Refrain:**

**There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. Refrain:**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Go Now in Peace"

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