

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.** (*Pastor continues prayer*)

Sanctus                      *Holy, Holy, Holy*                      American folk/R.Proulx

Breaking of Bread

Prayer After Communion

\*CLOSING HYMN #480    *Take Me to the Water*                      African American spiritual

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING RESPONSE    “Amen” from *The Lordless You and Keep You*    J.Rutter

POSTLUDE                      *Thanks Be To Thee*                      G.F.Handel

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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The **Liturgist** for today is Warren Fristensky.

**Prayer Concerns:** those in need of comfort or healing; those mourning the loss of loved ones; for us to see your guidance and hear your words; and for peace amongst those in conflict.

**Upcoming:**

*Today, after worship -*

- Coffee Hour & Fellowship (downstairs in the Assembly Room)
- Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

*Thursday 6:30pm - Bell Choir, 7:30pm - Chancel Choir*



# Community Presbyterian Church

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May 5, 2024                      Service for the Lord's Day                      10:30 AM

PRELUDE                      *The Gift of Love*                      Hymntune/H.H.Hopson

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT                      *Beautiful Savior*                      Silesian folk tune/O.C.Christiansen

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:  
**the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.**

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,  
**we greet you with joy, our living God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #375 *Shall We Gather at the River*                      R.Lowry

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE      *O Lord, hear My Prayer*                      J.Berthier

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI                      Henry W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Acts 10:44-48

ANTHEM                      *Cantique de Jean Racine*                      G.Fauré  
Please see insert for English translation

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON                      John 15:9-17

SERMON                      "Green Thumbs"                      Rev. Marcus C. Lambright

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #531 *Seed, Scattered and Sown*                      D.Feiten  
You are invited to come forward to receive seeds as a symbol of growing and bearing fruit. Those who wish to receive them but remain in their seats can raise their hand and we will bring them to you.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*)  
Please see insert.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      *Der Herr Segne Euch*                      J. S.Bach  
"The Lord bless you, now and forevermore, you and your children."  
Julie & Warren Fristensky, Duet

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606)                      Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(responsively)*

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