

Community Presbyterian Church

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July 5, 2020

to me, and who are
Come and weary
and
burdened,
and **I** shall give
you rest.
Matthew 11: 28

Welcome to worship this morning!

*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

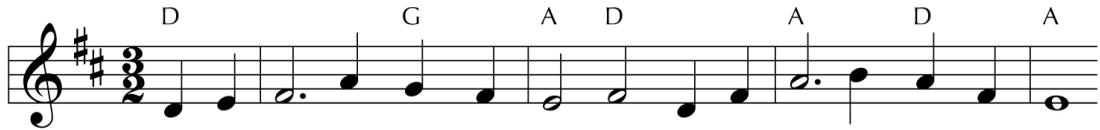
CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to me, Jesus says. All who are weary,
come to me.

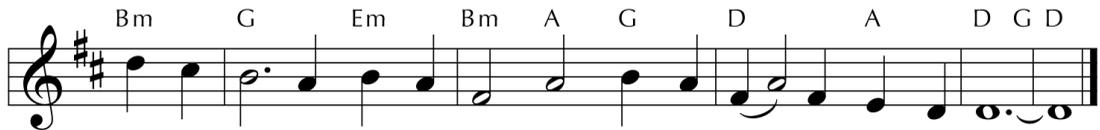
And you, who carry heavy loads,
come to me.

For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Let us draw near to Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

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CALL TO CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us examine our lives.

CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we fill our lives with comfort and convenience,
distractions that consume our energy and time.**

**We chase after wealth and power
as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls.**

**But you beckon us toward new life,
a life made rich through Sabbath and service.**

**Free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to you,
until we learn to walk with Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

America the Beautiful

Meg Cain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, with compassion for all creation.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of your glory and tell of your power,

They will tell all people of your great deeds and the beauty of your realm.

Your reign is eternal, and your rule endures forever:

Your faithfulness and grace extend to all generations.

You uphold all who are weary, and uplift those who are bowed down.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7:15, 21-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.... So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. How wretched I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

In this chapter, Jesus assures the disciples of John the Baptist, who is now in prison, that he is the one whose coming John foretold. He is known by his miracles of healing and his life of love. Then he addresses the crowds, chastising the powerful for their lack of belief, but welcoming weary souls.

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prisoners of Hope

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 795

Healer of Our Every Ill

verses 1 and 2

Refrain D Em7 G A D Bm Bm7 G A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm F#m G F

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -

Em D/F# G Bm A G A *to Refrain*

glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

OFFERING GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(In lieu of a time of offering, people are invited to unmute one by one and share something that has inspired gratitude or given them hope in this past week; when all who desire to do so have spoken, we will collectively pray in response.)

PRAYER

God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our own lives before you; we give our lives to you. In this time of global crisis, we give thanks for all your continued care, not for us alone, but for your whole suffering and precious world. We are yours, today and eternally.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

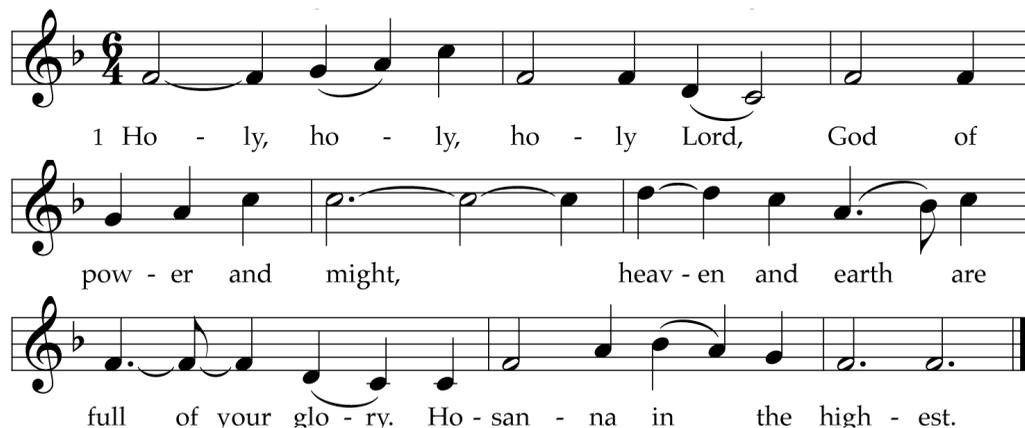
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our great joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. ...



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

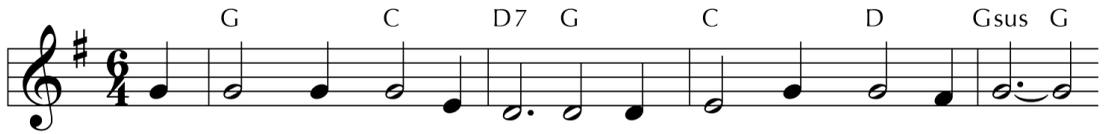
In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

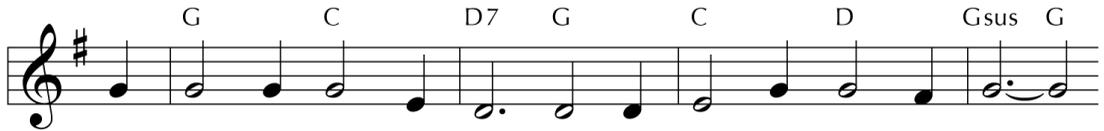
CLOSING HYMN GTG 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

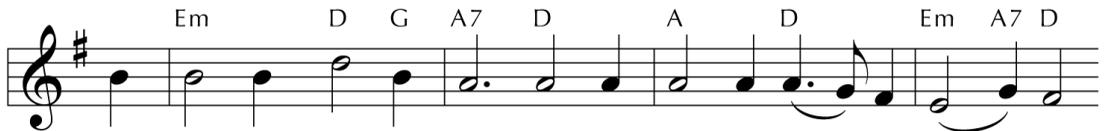
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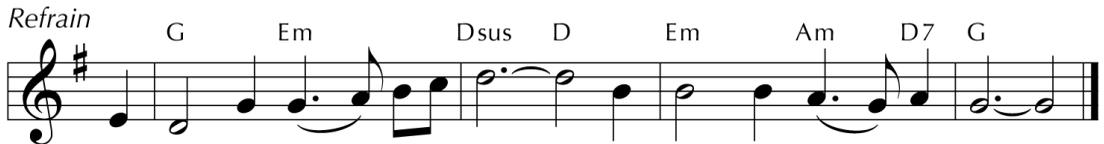
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go now to live to the glory of God,
As inhabitants of earth,
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Thanks be to God.

Now may the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in believing
that you overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am Online Worship Service
with Communion

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, July 6

Office Closed

6:00 pm Building Rental: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, July 7

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:00 pm Brain Injury Support Group

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, July 8

6:30 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm Confirmation

Friday, June 10

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am Online Worship Service

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Tuesday/Friday Conference Call**

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+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#



Judy Leal
Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family
Connie Holst
MariLynn Johnson
Vera Atkinson's great-grandson,
Kaiden Nelson

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Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
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Serving in Worship Today

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