



## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship

August 21, 2022

\* If you are able, please stand

Rev. Peter Wilkinson



We invite you to use this portal as a way to let us know you are here and for any joys or concerns you want to share with us.

**PRELUDE** Ed Alstrom, Director of Music and Organist

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Peter Wilkinson

Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

**Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.**

God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

**God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.**

So then, let us worship God.

\* **HYMN #188** Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me."

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
 Yes, Jesus loves me!  
 Yes, Jesus loves me!  
 The Bible tells me so.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then risk sharing our confession together.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;  
 For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;  
 For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;  
 For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;  
 We pray for the courage to admit our fault,  
 The strength to amend our actions,  
 And the hope that your grace awaits us.**

**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

*Please take this time for personal confession*

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(If you are participating today through Facebook,  
 please register your peace for each other now.)  
 Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
 we also should forgive one another.  
 The peace of Christ be with you.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** Sing To The Lord A New Song (Sonja Poorman) - The CPC Chancel Choir

## SERMON

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From: The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## 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

Virtual and in-person giving opportunities:

- 1) Online at our Easytithe site -  
<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>
- 2) Place offerings in the trays at the doors of the sanctuary as you depart.



Offering Prayer

### \* HYMN #331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
 leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
 of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
 our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
 In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
 thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
 be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
 Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
 Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

\* **CHARGE/BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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**“As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God’s Grace, we are a caring, inclusive congregation that strives to grow in Christian faith, proclaim the Good News, and provide service in ministry to each other, our diverse community, and the world.”**

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**August Birthdays**

- 10 Tom Goulder
- 11 Ernest Mitchell
- 12 Amy White
- 13 Evelyn Ann Ordemann
- 18 Joel Waisanen
- 23 Ellie Fitzgerald  
Max Marone
- 24 Peter Dancy
- 27 Henry Eveleth
- 29 Silas Hall  
Brian Cattell  
Lilith Claire Marone
- 30 Elizabeth Burkland
- 31 Caroline Schestag

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