

**Community Presbyterian Church**

10:00 am August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Pastor: Rev. Ken Meissner

Musician: Donna Bennett

**Prelude** (A Time of Quiet Meditation)

**\* Passing of the Peace** – May the peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

**Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries**

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 38:1, 3-5)

L: We will bless the Lord at all times;

**C: God’s praise shall continually be on our lips.**

L: O magnify the Lord with me,

**C: Let us exalt God’s name together.**

L: When we seek God, God will answer us,

**C: And deliver us from all fears.**

L: Look to God with radiance,

**C: May we never be ashamed of worshipping God.**

**\*Hymn #150** “Come, Christians Join to Sing”

**\*Call to Confession**

**\* Prayer of Confession**

Lord of Life, we confess that we have sought to save ourselves first. We claim to follow Your ways, to follow Jesus, who laid down his life for us, but at the first sign of conflict, we become defensive, we look to shore up our possessions, and we hold on to our pride. Forgive us for not understanding sacrifice. Forgive us for not becoming last of all and servant of all. Call us into accountability for our own actions of self-preservation, instead of living into Your ways of love mercy and justice. In the name of Jesus, who gave his life for us, we pray. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria #579**

**People for Prayer/ Prayer/Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn #358** “Help Us Accept Each Other”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-32; Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

**Sermon**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Offertory:**

**\* Doxology #593**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Hymn #391** “Take My Life”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** “Alleluia”

**\*Postlude**

**\*Please stand if able.**

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**Vacation Bible School:** August 10-12, 6-8pm with a Meal @ 5:30pm. Please contact Amy Lahrs to offer your assistance.

**Your hands and hearts are needed!**

Pray for those at home and in rehab: Kingsley) Anna Packard, (Lawton Senior Living) Audrey Jensen, (Sunrise) Delores Handke, (At Home) Velura Stilwell,

Recent Prayer Request: Rahna, PJ Kitchens, Dave Butcher, Donna Young, Joe Garthright, Aaron Gallardo, Kim Bergeson.

Liturgists and Worship Leaders Wanted: Please take time to sign up for the opportunity to read Scriptures for the Day, offer a Children's Message, share in Special Music Offerings and join as we worship together. A Sign-up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed. Don't be shy! Thank you!

### **Calendar of Events**

Aug 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School 6-8pm Meal at 5:30

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Session Meeting 6:30 pm

### **Contact People:**

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