# Melcome to PALMACEIA Presbyterian Church



Traditional Service

Sunday, June 29, 2025 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. A nursery is available to infants and preschool age children at any point during the service. See an usher or staff for directions.

**Preparation for Worship:** We are grateful God has called you to worship with us this morning. Today we encounter a story of Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, his being turned away in a Samaritan village, and his urging for those he meets along the way to, "Follow me." As we prepare our minds and hearts for worship, consider this question: *When, and in what ways, have we hesitated to follow Christ?* 

# GATHERING

Prelude: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Introit: "This World is Not My Home"

## Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 16)

- L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
- L: I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
- All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Invocation

Hymn #368: "I've Got Peace Like A River"

# Prayer of Confession: (In unison)

Merciful God, help us to find a posture of humility as we come towards you. We realize our tendency to say one thing and then do another. We lift up Psalms of your guidance and then rely on our own wisdom. We praise you for your provision and then surround ourselves with earthly riches. We speak to your strength and then doubt your transformative power. Forgive us, Lord... (*time of silent confession*). Amen.

# Assurance of Pardon

# **Greeting One Another In The Peace of Christ**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

## P: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.)

# Act of Praise: The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Faithfulness

Brumley

# THE WORD

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### Scripture Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Children's Message:** The congregation welcomes the children to come forward by singing. Following the Children's Message, children Pre-K3-1<sup>st</sup> grade may be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the Godly Play room (CH 101). Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary. There is also a staffed nursery on the first floor of Eastminster. As the children come forward and as they leave, the congregation may join in singing: *What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly, with your God.* 

## Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "I will follow you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Sermon: "Ready or Willing?"

Preparation for Prayer: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

### Prayers of the People and 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. Rev. Dr. Kenny Hubbell

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# Prayer of Dedication and Offering

Offertory: "Why Me, Lord"

#### Declaration of Faith: 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 Ghost, 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.

# SENDING

Hymn #467: "How Great Thou Art"

**Charge and Benediction** 

Benediction Response: "I'll Fly Away"

Postlude: "Blessed Assurance"

Brumley Assurance

The Flowers in the Chancel are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of TJ Ownby, and in appreciation of his over 20 years of service and leadership on PCPC's Samuel Properties Board.

Leading in Worship Today: Reverends John Reiter, Kenny Hubbell; Nancy Callahan, Choir Director; Bob Coates, Roger Copp, Wes Cull, Jeff Traster, The Ambassadors Quartet; Anna Shuford, Ministry to Children and Families; Susan Peacock, Chief Usher; Bert Chamorro, Beadle; Scott Wilson and Michael Prichard, Livestreamers



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