



# PANTOPS

## Community Church

### The Worship of God

Warm-Hearted Fellowship & Thoughtful Inquiry

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Eleven O'clock

Prelude

Emiko Rugumayo

Words of Welcome

Rev. Margarete Gillette

Call to Worship

Rev. Margarete Gillette

Leader: We are part of the Church universal – faithful people of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, people of all physical and mental abilities, and all political stances, gathered to love and serve God. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

**Congregation: There is a place in God's heart,  
there is a place at Christ's table,  
there is a place here and in every welcoming church  
for all people!**

Leader: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

**Congregation: May our hearts be open to Christ's  
leading in our worship and our living, this day and  
always.**

\* Gathering Hymn

"Here in This Place" Voices Together #10

Prayer of Hope and Action (adapted from Rebecca Sutton) Rev. Roberts

Leader: As we pray for those who are hungry.

**Congregation: Pray harder for those who will not feed them.**

Leader: As we pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

**Congregation: Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.**

Leader: As we pray for those who are homeless.

**Congregation: Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.**

Leader: As we pray for the sick and lonely.

**Congregation: Pray harder for those who will not give them  
comfort.**

Leader: As we pray for those who cry out for dignity.

**Congregation: Pray harder for those who will not listen.**

Leader: As we pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

**Congregation: Pray harder for those who exploit them.**

Leader: As we pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

**Congregation: Pray harder for those who discriminate  
against them.**

Leader: As we pray for those from whom basic rights and needs are withheld.

**Congregation: Pray harder for public officials who cater  
to the greedy and ignore those bound unjustly.**

Prayer Response "Light Dawns on a Weary World" Choir

*Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.*

*Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.*

### Refrain

*The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs,  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!*

*We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes, Shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread  
and children's dreams are fed.*

*Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.*

Refrain

*Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn,  
find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.*

Refrain

Offering Ourselves, Our Gifts, Our Tithes to God  
*An offering plate is available in the rear of the Sanctuary.*

Offertory Prayer Dan Rinald

\* Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Children ages 3-8 may leave for Children's Church during the  
singing of the Doxology.

Scripture Reading Esther 8:1-8; 10:1-3 Abby Sprague

Sermon "Never Stop Short of Justice" Rev. Matt Roberts  
Advocacy in Times Such as These: An Esther Series

\* Hymn of Response "Sing a New World into Being" V. T. #809

Announcements Rev. Matt Roberts

\* Sending Litany (from Lift Up Your Hearts, #141) Rev. Matt Roberts

**Walk, people of God!**

With those who are persecuted and oppressed,

**Walk, people of God.**

With those whom the world shuns,

**Walk, people of God.**

With those who hunger and thirst,

**Walk, people of God.**

With those whose hearts are breaking,

**Walk, people of God.**

With those who are trying to do a God-thing in this world,

**Walk, people of God.**

The blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,  
be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

\* Parting Hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" V.T. #306

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.*

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.*

*When I seek to create Your justice,*

*Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Postlude

Emiko Rugumayo

\* Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.



*Flowers today are given in honor of Karen Morris  
on her Birthday by Cal Morris.*



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**Our Invitation**

*You are welcome and wanted at Pantops Community Church.*

*If you feel called to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ*

*or to join in ministry with PCC as a member, please reach  
out to one of our ministers.*



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