



Community Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
25 June 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

How Beautiful

*Call to Worship

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Let all who are thirsty come,
Let all who wish receive the water of life, freely,
Amen, Come Lord Jesus.
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Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

(One) Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

(All) Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

(One) Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

(All) There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

(One) For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

(All) Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.

(One) Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

*Hymn (603)

In Christ There Is No East or West

(1) In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

(2) In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

(3) Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whatever your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

(4) In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Confession

(All) God of Forgiveness, we come before you today with
humble and contrite hearts. Together, we confess our
sinfulness before you. We confess that we don't always
show your love to others. Forgive us for our apathy. Help
us to forgive ourselves and those who seek forgiveness
from us, that you may be glorified in us as we share in
Your love. Amen.

Silence

Response *Bóg jest miłością (God is Forgiveness)*

*God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.*

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon

***Hymn (544)**

The Church's One Foundation

(1) The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

(2) Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

(3) Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed:
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

(4) 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

(5) Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles Creed*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth. **I believe** 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,
died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day
he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I**
believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Special Offertory Music *You Gave Me Love*

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction
Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

Church History Timeline

Early Church Period:

Constantine's Christendom:

Medieval Church Period:

Great Schism:

Reformation Period:

Enlightenment:

Contemporary Period:

Postmodernity:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Games Up Here

We are having games this **Monday, June 26 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Presbyterian Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, June 28 from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our third session on World Religion. This week we'll be looking at Islam.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, June 29 at 7:00am.**

Help Us Staff the Trail Hiker Center

Consider offering a couple hours a week to help staff the Trail Hiker Center. We still have open slots on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Sign up after the Sunday service in Darley Hall (check out the bulletin board).

Cookie Drive

With a larger summer congregation, we need help replenishing our cookie supply for Sunday fellowship. Please consider baking a couple dozen cookies, putting them in a freezer bag, and dropping them off in Darley.

Interested in finding a place to serve?

Consider serving the church in the following ministry areas. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in Darley Hall.

Special Music for Sunday Worship (See Celeste Scott)
Sunday Worship Setup/Clean up (see sign up sheet)
Sunday Fellowship Setup/Clean up (see sign up sheet)
Sunday Worship Readers (see sign up sheet)
Buildings and Grounds Committee (See Ron Bruce)
Trail Hiker Center (see sign up sheet)

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 21:8-21

21:8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

21:9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.

21:10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

21:11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.

21:13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

21:14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

21:15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

21:16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

21:17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

21:18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

21:19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

21:20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.

21:21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Romans 6:1b-11

6:1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

6:2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

6:4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

6:7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.

6:8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

6:9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

6:10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

10:24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;

10:25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

10:26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

10:30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

10:31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

10:32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;

10:33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

10:36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

10:37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

10:39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.