

Community Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
16 July 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

***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 *Psalms 119:105-112*

(One) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**(All) I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe
your righteous ordinances.**

(One) I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according
to your word.

**(All) Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me
your ordinances.**

(One) I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget
your law.

**(All) The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not
stray from your precepts.**

(One) Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of
my heart.

***Hymn (23)** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

(1) All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,
and silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(2) O rushing wind that art so strong,
you clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!

O rising morn in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(3) O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O fire so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(4) All you who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,

praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(5) Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 25:19-34

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

***Hymn (see insert)** *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

(1) O splendor of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light,
O Light of light, the fountain spring,
O Day, all days illumining:

(2) Come, very Sun of heaven's love,
in lasting radiance from above,
and pour the Holy Spirit's ray
on all we thing or do today.

(3) Confirm our will to do the right,
and keep our hearts from envy's blight;
let faith her eager fires renew,
and hate the false, and love the true.

(4) All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and forevermore.

Ambrose (b. Treves, Germany, 340; d. Milan, Italy, 397), one of the great Latin church fathers, is remembered best for his struggle against the Arian heresy, and his introduction of metrical and antiphonal singing into the Western church

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith** *Nicene Creed (325 AD)*

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I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from

heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father *and the Son*, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Word of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trail Hikers Meal

Join us tonight, **Sunday, July 16 for the Trail Hiker Meal in the Presbyterian Annex from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.** This week's theme is Italian feast and First Baptist Church will be serving spaghetti in a meat sauce.

Games Up Here

We are having games this **Monday, July 17 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Presbyterian Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, July 19 from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our fifth session on World Religion. This week we'll be looking at two Iranian based religions: Zoroastrianism and Bahá'í.

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 Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.** Sign up after the Sunday service in Darley Hall (check out the bulletin board).

Interested in finding a place to serve?

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

Pastor: Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 25:19-34

25:19 These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac,

25:20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.

25:21 Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.

25:22 The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

25:23 And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

25:24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb.

25:25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau.

25:26 Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

25:27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents.

25:28 Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

25:29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished.

25:30 Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.)

25:31 Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."

25:32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"

25:33 Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Romans 8:1-11

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

8:3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

8:4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

8:6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

8:7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot,

8:8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

8:9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

13:1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

13:2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

13:3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

13:4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

13:5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

13:6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

13:7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

13:8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

13:9 Let anyone with ears listen!"

13:18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.

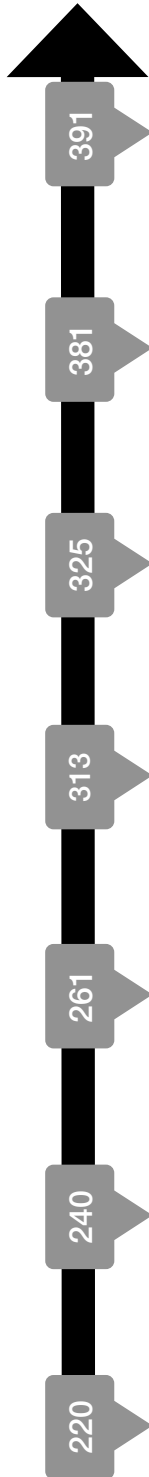
13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

13:20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

13:21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

13:22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

13:23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."



391

Theodosius makes Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire.

381

Council of Constantinople revises the *Nicene Creed*. Saint Jerome begins translating the Bible into Latin.

325

Council of Nicaea is called to address heresies. It condemns Arianism, constructs the *Nicene Creed*, and defines the nature of the Trinity.

313

Constantine sees a vision of the cross (312)
Edict of Milan ends the persecution of Christians.

261

First rectangular shaped basilicas church buildings. Gatherings move from homes.

240

Manichaeism challenges Jesus' humanity.

220

Origen founds a school in Caesarea.

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