

Community Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
23 July 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*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 139:1-12, 23-24

(One) O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

(All) You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

(One) You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

(All) Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

(One) If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

(All) If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

(One) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

***Hymn (502)**

Be Thou My Vision

(1) Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(2) Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

(3) High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**The original Old Irish text, "Rop tú mo Baile", is often attributed to Saint Dallán Forgaill in the 6th century.*

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.

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 28:10-19a

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

***Hymn (see insert)**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Prudentius, Aurelius Clemens, 348-410, is the name of the most prominent and most prolific author of sacred Latin poetry in its earliest days.

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

Creed of Chalcedon (451 AD)

We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with us according to the manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the virgin Mary, the mother of God, according to the manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself

taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

Offertory Special Music *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trail Hikers Meal

Join us tonight, **Sunday, July 23 for the Trail Hiker Meal in the Presbyterian Annex from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.** This week's theme is breakfast and Grace Fellowship will be serving breakfast wraps.

Games Up Here

We are having games this **Monday, July 24 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Presbyterian Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, July 26 from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our fifth session on World Religion. This week we'll be looking at Bahá'í.

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

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

Special Music: Christie Reeves

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 28:10-19a

28:10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.

28:11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

28:12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

28:13 And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

28:14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

28:15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

28:16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!"

28:17 And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

28:18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

28:19a He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Romans 8:12-25

8:12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh --

8:13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

8:16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

8:17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

8:18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

8:20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

8:21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

8:24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

13:24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

13:25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

13:26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

13:27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

13:28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

13:29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

13:30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

13:36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

13:37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

13:38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

13:39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

13:40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

13:41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

13:42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

181 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Unison
Eb

Fm Ab Bb Eb Eb G Fm Bb

1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, ere the world be-gan to be,
2 O that birth for-ev-er bless-ed, when a vir-gin, blest with grace,
3 Let the heights of heaven a-dore him; an-gel hosts his prais-es sing:
4 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa-ther, and, O Ho-ly Ghost, to thee,

Ab Eb G Ab Bb Cm Ab Eb G Cm Bb Eb

he is Al-pha and O-me-ga, he the source, the end-ing he,
by the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing, bore the Sav-ior of our race;
powers, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him, and ex-tol our God and King;
hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing and un-wea-ried prais-es be:

Fm Ab Eb G Cm Bb Eb G Ab

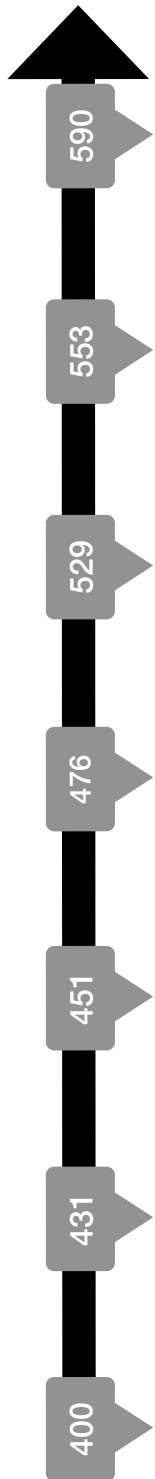
of the things that are, that have been, and that fu-ture
and the babe, the world's Re-deem-er, first re-vealed his
let no tongue on earth be si-lent, ev-ery voice in
hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min-ion, and e-ter-nal

Cm Ab Bb Eb G Cm Fm Ab Bb Eb Bb Eb

years shall see, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
sa-cred face, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
con-cert ring, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
vic-to-ry, ev-er-more and ev-er-more! A-men.

WORDS: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866)
and Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)
MUSIC: Plainsong, 13th c.

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
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590 Gregory the Great is elected pope, sends missionaries to England, promotes liturgical music and makes Benedictine spirituality the standard for Western monasticism.

553 **Second Council of Constantinople** condemns the "Three Chapters" and their associated heresies and confirms Mary as "Theotokos."

529 Benedict of Nursia founds the Monte Cassino Abby and writes *The Rule*.

476 Fall of the Roman Empire. Middle Ages begin.

451 **Council of Chalcedon** discusses Christ's nature. Appolinarianism, Nestorianism, and Eutychanism are all condemned.

431 **Council of Ephesus** condemns Nestorianism and Pelagianism. Mary is named "Theotokos."

400 Augustine of Hippo finishes *Confessions*.

