

Community Presbyterian Church

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
30 July 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

String Academy

*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 119:129-136

(One) Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

(All) With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

(One) Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me. Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

(All) Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

*Hymn (265)

All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

(1) You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed One!

(2) The company of angels
are praising you on high,
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply: [Refrain]

(3) The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present: [Refrain]

(4) To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise: [Refrain]

(5) As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness,
O good and gracious King! [Refrain]

"All Glory, Laud and Honour" is an English translation by the Anglican clergyman John Mason Neale of the Latin hymn "Gloria, laus et honor", which was written by Theodulf of Orléans in 820.

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 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 29:15-28

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

***Hymn (154)**

O' Come, O' Come Emmanuel

(1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

(2) O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

(3) O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things, far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

(4) O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

"Veni, veni, Emmanuel" was originally written in Latin. The hymn has its origins over 1,200 years ago in monastic life in the 8th or 9th century.

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.

Offertory Special Music

Peace Like A River

***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 30 for the Trail Hiker Meal in the Presbyterian Annex from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.** This week's theme is baked potato bar and St. Rose of Lima will be serving potatoes with all the toppings.

Games Up Here

We are having games this **Monday, July 31 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Presbyterian Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, August 2 from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our seventh session on world religion. This week we'll be lightly exploring several smaller eastern religions like Sikhism, Taoism, Jainism, and Confucianism.

Get Your Tickets!

Our very own Jim Walker will be performing his one-man show of "**Peter the Rock**" at the **Lake City Art Center on Saturday August 19 at 7:30pm.**

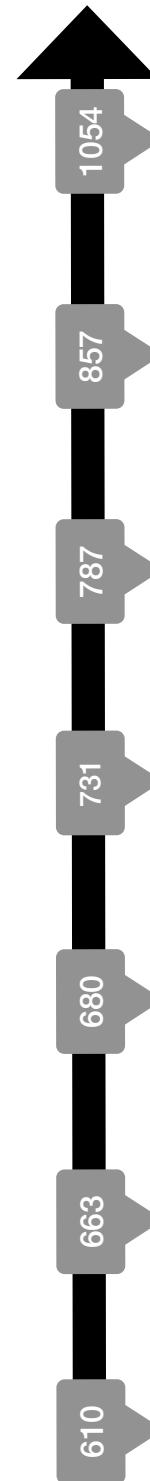
Stewardship Sundays

For the next three weeks, Jason will be offering short reflections about Christian stewardship before each offering. Consider how you support the ministry at Community Presbyterian Church through your time, talents, and treasures.

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

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

Special Music: Allison Wetzels, Sue Beddingfield, Joan Huey.



The Great Schism—Pope Leo IX excommunicates the Patriarch of Hagia Sophia over the term *filioque*.

Photian Schism—communion between the Eastern and Western church is broken when Patriarch Photius rejects the Roman pope's claim to primacy among bishops of the Eastern church.

Council of Nicaea II condemns iconoclasm and Adoptionism. This was the last ecumenical council.

Pope Gregory III condemns iconoclasm and supports the veneration of icons.

Tensions between the Eastern and Western churches grow around clergy celibacy.

Synod of Whitney officially aligns the English church with Rome, lasting nine centuries.

Muhammad receives divine revelations from God and declares himself to be a prophet.

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 29:15-28

29:15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"

29:16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

29:17 Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.

29:18 Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

29:19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me."

29:20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

29:21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed."

29:22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast.

29:23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.

29:24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

29:25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"

29:26 Laban said, "This is not done in our country--giving the younger before the firstborn.

29:27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years."

29:28 Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Romans 8:26-39

8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

8:31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

8:32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

8:33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

8:34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

8:36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

13:31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

13:32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

13:33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

13:46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

13:48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

13:50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13:51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

13:52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."