



Community Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
9 July 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation*

***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 145:8-14

(One) The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

(All) The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

(One) All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

(All) They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

(One) Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

(All) The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

*Hymn (422)

Amazing Grace

(1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

(3) The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

(4) Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58*

New Testament Reading *Romans 7:15-25a*

Gospel Reading *Matthew 10:24-39*

Sermon

***Hymn (see insert)** *Shepherd of Eager Youth*

(1) Shepherd of eager youth, Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways, Christ, our triumphant King,
We come Thy name to sing, Hither our children bring
To shout Thy praise.

(2) Thou art our holy Lord, The all subduing Word,
Healer of strife; Thou didst Thyself abase,
That from sin's deep disgrace Thou mightest save our race,
And give us life.

(3) Ever be Thou our Guide, Our Shepherd and our Pride,
Our Staff and Song; Jesus, Thou Christ of God,
By Thy perennial Word, Lead us where Thou hast trod,
Make our faith strong.

(4) So now, and till we die, Sound we Thy praises high,
And joyful sing; Let all the holy throng
Who to Thy Church belong Unite and swell the song
To Christ our King!

*Clemens, Titus Flavins (Clemens Alexandrinus), St. Clement of
Alexandria, was born possibly at Athens about A.D. 170.*

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

In Tenderness

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trail Hikers Meal

Join us tonight, **Sunday, July 9 for the Trail Hiker Meal in the Presbyterian Annex from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.** This week's theme is Tex-Mex/Mexican fare and CPC will be serving up some brisket tacos.

Games Up Here

We are having games this **Monday, July 10 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Presbyterian Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, July 12 from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our fifth session on World Religion. This week we'll be looking at Buddhism.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, July 13 at 7:00am** at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

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.

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)

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

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

Special Music: Bill Goodwin

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

24:34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

24:35 The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.

24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.

24:37 My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live;

24:38 but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

24:42 "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!

24:43 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,"

24:44 and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" --let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

24:45 "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

24:46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

24:47 Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.

24:48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

24:49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

24:58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will."

Romans 7:15-25a

7:15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

7:16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

7:17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

7:19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

7:20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

7:21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

7:22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,

7:23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

7:25a Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

11:16 "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

11:17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';

11:19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

11:26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

11:27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

11:28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Shepherd of Eager Youth

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EDWARD BUNNETT, 1915

1. Shep-herd of ea-ger youth, Guid-ing in love and truth,
2. Thou art the great High Priest; Thou hast pre-pared the feast
3. Ev-er be Thou our Guide, Our Shep-herd and our Pride,
4. So now, and till we die, Sound we Thy prais-es high,

Through-de-vi-ous ways; Christ our tri-um-phant King, We come Thy name to
Of heav-en-ly love. While in our mor-tal pain None calls on Thee in
Our Staff and Song; Je-sus, Thou Christ of God, By Thy per-en-nial
And joy-ful sing; Let all the ho-ly throng Who to Thy church be-

sing, Hith-er our chil-dren bring To shout Thy praise.
vain; Help Thou dost not dis-dain, Help from a-bove.
word, Lead us where Thou hast trod, Make our faith strong.
long, U-nite to swell the song To Christ our King! A - MEN.

Note: This is the earliest known Christian hymn.