

Community **Presbyterian Church**

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 13 August 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead 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. Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

(One) Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

(All) Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

(One) Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

(All) Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

(One) The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

(All) Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

*Hymn (507)

A Mighty Fortress

(1) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

(2) Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

(3) And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

(4) That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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 New Testament Reading Gospel Reading Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

*Hymn (see insert)

All People That On Earth, Do Dwell

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith

The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Stewardship Moment & Offering

Special Music Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Being Reformed

A two-week class on what it means to be Reformed and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be offered this Sunday, August 13 and next Sunday, August 20 from 8:30am to 9:30am in the Annex. This class is a prerequisite for membership at CPC.

Trail Hikers Meal

Join us tonight, Sunday, August 13 for the Trail Hiker Meal in the Presbyterian Annex from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. This week's theme is Oktoberfest and CPC will be serving up German bratwurst. So break out your lederhosen, make your favorite Oktoberfest/German fare, and join us for this festive communal gathering. Polka music will be provided. :)

Games Up Here

We are playing board games this **Monday, August 14** from 7:00pm until 9:00pm in the Presbyterian Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, August 16 from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our ninth session on world religion. This week we'll be looking at Peyotism (Native American Church) and the spirituality of the First Nations.

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

This is the final Sunday of our stewardship focus when Jason will reflect on what it means to offer our treasures to God. 2024 pledge cards are available. Consider how you can 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 Wetzel, Joan Huey, and Sue

Beddingfield.

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

37:1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

37:2 This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.

37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

- 37:12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.
- 37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am."
- 37:14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem,
- 37:15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"
- 37:16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."
- 37:17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.
- 37:18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
- 37:19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.
- 37:20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."
- 37:21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."
- 37:22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" --that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

- 37:23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;
- 37:24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.
- 37:25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.
- 37:26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?
- 37:27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed.
- 37:28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Romans 10:5-15

- 10:5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."
- 10:6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)
- 10:7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

10:9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10:10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

10:11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

10:13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

10:14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

10:15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

14:22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

14:23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

14:24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

14:25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

14:26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

14:27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

14:28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

14:29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

14:30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

14:33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

John Knox establishes the Reformed church in Scotland. The Scots Confession is adopted and early Presbyterianism is established.

Council of Trent (Catholic Counter-Reformation) condemns indulgences, immoral clergy, and nepotism.

John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, is first published–the first Protestant systematic theology.

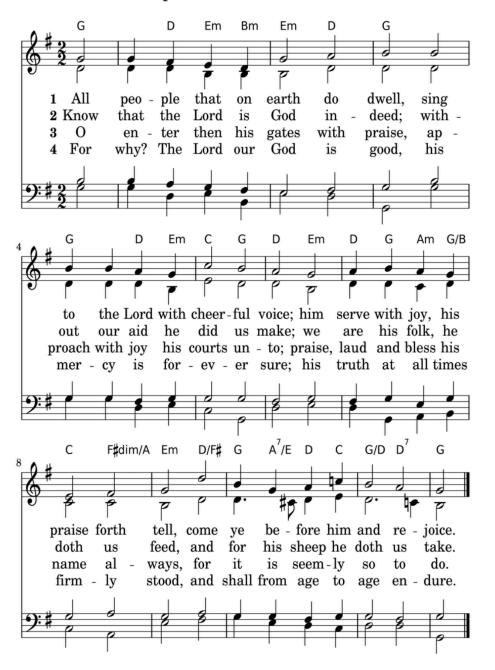
Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church. The Reformation begins.

Spanish Inquisition begins. Thousands of supposed heretics are tortured and burnt at the stake. It lasts until 1834.

Johannes Gutenberg invents the printing press, making the Bible more accessible in the home.

John Wycliffe, an English priest, challenges the boundaries of papal authority. The Wycliffe Bible is published.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



Worship and Rejoice 661

WORDS: William Kethe (ca. 1530-1594); para. Psalm 100

MUSIC (OLD 100th, L.M.): Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561); Genevan Psalter, 1551