

Community Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
20 August 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

*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 67

(One) May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

(All) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

(One) Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

(All) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

(One) The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

(All) May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*Hymn (179)

Joy to the World

(1) Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

(2) Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

(3) No more let sin and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

(4) He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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 45:1-15*
New Testament Reading *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*
Gospel Reading *Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28*

Sermon

***Hymn (96)** *O' For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(1) O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

(2) My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

(3) Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

(4) He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

(5) To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Westminster Confession of Faith*
The Bible speaks authoritatively and so deserves to be
believed and obeyed. This authority does not depend on the
testimony of any man or church but completely on God, its
author, who is himself truth. The Bible therefore is to be
accepted as true, because it is the word of God.

We may be influenced by the testimony of the church to value
the Bible highly and reverently, and Scripture itself shows in
so many ways that it is God's word. We are completely
persuaded and assured of the infallible truth and divine
authority of the Bible only by the inward working of the Holy
Spirit, who testifies by and with the word in our hearts.

Offertory Special Music

Amazing Grace

*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

Joy To The World

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Being Reformed

The second half of our "Being Reformed" class will be offered this **Sunday, August 20th from 8:30am to 9:30am** in the Annex. This week, we'll cover Presbyterian worship and polity.

Trail Hikers Meal

Join us tonight, **Sunday, August 20th for our 7th Trail Hiker Meal in the Presbyterian Annex from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.** This Sunday's theme is *Ham Brunch* and St. James Episcopal will be hosting this week. But it's up to the rest of us to bring our favorite breakfast/brunch sides and sweets to make this meal complete. Only two more hiker meals left, so if you haven't participated, time is running out.

Games Up Here

We are playing board games this **Monday, August 21st** from 7:00pm until 9:00pm in the Presbyterian Annex.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, August 23rd from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our ninth session on world religion. This week we'll be looking at the Church of Latter Day Saints. This will be week one of a two part series on Mormons.

Gold Hill

Join us on **Saturday, August 26th for our first ever evening Gold Hill gathering.** This year, we're also inviting all of the Lake City churches to join us. We'll meet at 5:00pm at Gold Hill for a fellowship and food (provided) before we have a time of worship. If it's raining, the gathering is cancelled.

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

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

Special Music: Bill Goodwin

Sign Language: Glenda Slaughter

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 45:1-15

45:1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

45:2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

45:3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

45:4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

45:5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

45:6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

45:7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

45:8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

45:9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

45:10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

45:11 I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.

45:12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

45:13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

45:14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.

45:15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

11:2a God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

11:30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

11:31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

11:32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

15:10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:

15:11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

15:12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"

15:13 He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

15:14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

15:15 But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

15:16 Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

15:17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?

15:18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

15:19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

15:20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

15:21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

15:23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

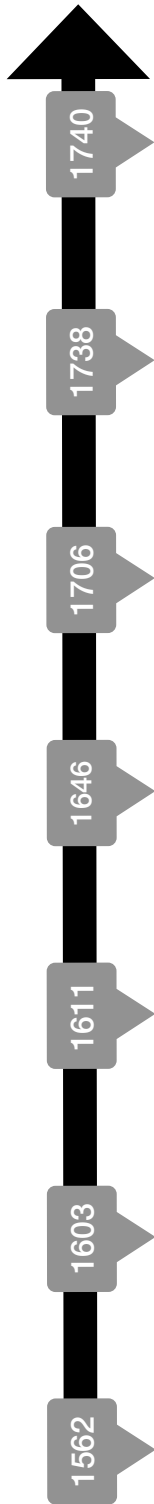
15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

15:26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.



1740

The Great Awakening starts in New England.

1738

Conversion of John and Charles Wesley.

1706

First Presbyterian church in America.

1646

Westminster Confession is accepted as the central confession for the Presbyterians.

1611

The King James Bible is published and becomes the most popular translation for the next 300 years.

1603

Dutch reformed theologian Jacob Arminius argues for free will and unlimited atonement.

1562

Heidelberg Catechism is constructed.