

# Community Presbyterian Church

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
27 August 2023

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

### \*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 138*

(One) I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

**(All) On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.**

(One) All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**(All) They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.**

(One) For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

**(All) Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**

(One) The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

### \*Hymn (40)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

(1) For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

### Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

(2) For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

(3) For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

(4) For the church that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

(5) For thyself, best gift divine,  
to the race so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

### 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.*

*Dare to forgive and God will be with you.*

*God is forgiveness. Love and do not fear.*

### Assurance of Pardon

## PROCLAMATION

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:1-6*

### New Testament Reading

*Romans 12:1-8*

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 16:13-20*

## Sermon

### \*Hymn (66)

*To God Be the Glory*

(1) To God be the glory, great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

(2) O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

(3) Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

## RESPONSE

\***Affirmation of Faith** *The Westminster Confession of Faith*

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in  
being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without  
body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal,  
incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free,  
most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of  
His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory,  
most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in  
goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin;  
the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and withal most

just and terrible in His judgments; hating all sin; and who will by no means clear the guilty.

In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

**Offertory Special Music**      *Thank You Jesus for the Blood*

**\*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**

*Great is the Lord*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Trail Hikers Meal**

Join us tonight, **Sunday, August 27th** for our last Trail Hiker Meal of the summer. Like usual, the meal is in the Presbyterian Annex from **5:30pm until 7:30pm**.

This Sunday's theme is *Chili Cookoff* and CPC will be hosting this week and will be providing chili. If you're joining us,

consider bringing chili toppings (the more unique the better), corn bread, salads, desserts, or really anything you want. And, if you're feeling competitive, bring a crock of your favorite family chili... challenge extended. ;)

**Games Up Here**

We are playing board games this **Monday, August 28th** from 7:00pm until 9:00pm in the Presbyterian Annex.

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us this **Wednesday, August 30th from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our tenth session on world religion. This week we'll continue on with our exploration of Mormonism by watching the South Park episode and having a Q&A with two special guests.

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

**Organist/Pianist:** Celeste Scott

**Special Music:** Amy Humphreys

## SCRIPTURES

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

51:1 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

51:2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

51:3 For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

51:4 Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

51:5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

51:6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

### **Romans 12:1-8**

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

12:4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

12:6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

12:7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

12:8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### **Matthew 16:13-20**

16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

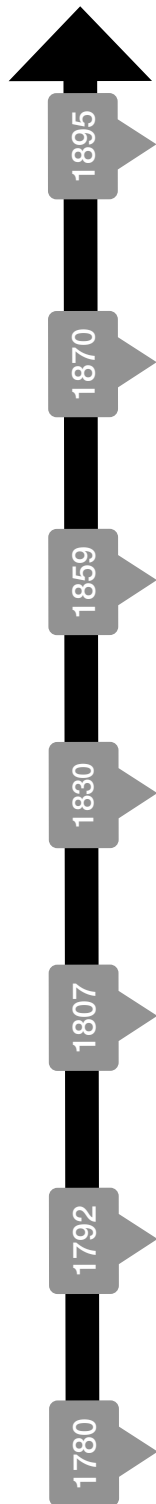
16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

16:20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



Evangelical Alliance declares the fundamentals of the faith: the deity of Jesus, the Virgin birth, substitutionary atonement, Jesus' physical resurrection, Jesus' imminent return, and...

First Vatican Council convenes to address "modernism" and the infallibility of the pope.

Charles Darwin writes *Origin of Species* which creates a false dichotomy between religion and the natural sciences.

Friedrich Schleiermacher promotes an anthropocentric theology which introduces liberal theology in the west.

William Wilberforce leads the British Parliament to abolish the slave trade throughout the British Empire.

Second Great Awakening characterized by revivals, emotional preaching, and conversion.

Robert Raikes starts the first Sunday School to minister to the poor in urban settings.