



# Community Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
3 September 2023

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*The Lord's Prayer*

### \*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 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

(One) O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**(All) Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

(One) Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**(All) Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

(One) Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**(All) Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.**

(One) And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,

**(All) whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.**

(One) He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

**(All) Praise the LORD!**

### \*Hymn (51)

*How Great Thou Art*

(1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

(2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]

(3) And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]

(4) When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [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**

*Exodus 3:1-15*

### **New Testament Reading**

*Romans 12:9-21*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 16:21-28*

## **Sermon**

### **\*Hymn (595)**

*They Will Know We Are Christians*

(1) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

(2) We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

(3) We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's  
pride.

(4) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

## **RESPONSE**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of  
Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to  
serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and  
place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate

us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Offertory**

*Spirit of the Living God*

### **\*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 Special Music**

*Shake*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Trail Hikers Center**

While our hiker meals are over for the summer, there are still opportunities to serve the hiker community. During the month of September we'll have slightly different staffing hours at the center. Check out the bulletin board in Darley Hall to see if there's a shift that still needs covered.

### **Games Up Here**

No games for Labor Day, **Monday, September 4th**. We'll return next week!

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us this **Wednesday, September 6th from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our eleventh session on

world religion. This week we'll continue with our exploration of cults by looking at the Jehovah's Witnesses.

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**Organist/Pianist:** Celeste Scott

**Special Prelude:** Yolie Brown and the Zoomba Ladies

## SCRIPTURES

### **Exodus 3:1-15**

3:1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

3:4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

3:5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

3:6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

3:7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

3:8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

3:9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

3:10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

3:12 He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

3:13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

3:15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

### **Romans 12:9-21**

12:9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

12:10 Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

12:11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

12:16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

12:18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

12:20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Matthew 16:21-28

16:21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

16:22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

16:25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

16:26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

16:27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

16:28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

