



Community Presbyterian Church

Scottish Communion Sunday
17 September 2023

GATHERING

Processional

*Scotland the Brave
Rowan Tree
Wings*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Tha càram aig Dia dhomh

***Call to Worship**

(One) Thank you, O Lord, for your self-revealed Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith. Never let us

forget that our heritage is a responsibility, not a treasure to be hoarded.

(All) Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

(One) Never let us forget that our communal love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may always be welcomed.

(All) Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

(One) We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in our communities of faith.

(All) Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

(One) On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise our hearts before you Almighty God!

(All) In gratitude for our heritage, we pray for God's blessings on people in all lands.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 103:1-13

(One) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

(All) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

(One) He who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

(All) The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

(One) The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

(All) He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

(One) For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as

far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

(All) As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

***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) Before you, Father, we confess that *our nature is so corrupt, so weak, and imperfect, that we are never able to fulfill the works of the Law in perfection... And therefore it behoved us to apprehend Christ Jesus, who through His blood shed on the cross, insures that our sin is not imputed unto us, but is remitted and covered with Christ's justice.* (Italics from The Scots Confession.)

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

First Reading

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

***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.

RESPONSE

***Blessing of the Tartans**

(One) On behalf of all clans represented here, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray for God's blessing on God's servant people in all lands.

(All) Eternal God, bless these symbols of our heritage, and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

(One) We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

Prayer of Invitation

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, Drink this cup.
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup.
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

Words of Institution

Communion

I Am the Bread of Life

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***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.

Offertory & Pipes

Massacre of Glenco

***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

Procession

*Green Hills of Tyrol
When the Battle's O'er
Balmoral*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trail Hiker Center

We're maintaining our staffing schedule for another week at the Trail Hiker Center. If you're unable to cover your shift, please let Jason know. Also, if you're available to help with the noon shuttle run on Sundays or Mondays, please contact Jason.

Games Up Here

Join us for games this **Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm** in the Presbyterian Annex!

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this **Wednesday, September 20th from 5:00pm until 6:30pm** in the Presbyterian Annex for our 13th and FINAL session on world religion. This week we'll be looking at Scientology AND having a wrap up during our **Summer's End Bible Study Potluck**. Bring whatever you want or a dish that reflects one of the religions we've studied this summer. The dinner will start around 6:00pm (after we finish our last session of the summer).

Trail Hiker Center Volunteer Dinner

If you helped staff the hiker center at anytime during the summer, shuttled hikers, or volunteered at our Trail Hiker Meals, we'd like to invite you to join us for a **volunteer dinner on Sunday night, September 24th at 5:30pm**. No

need to bring anything other than your favorite memory of the summer and any suggestions to help improve the hiker center for next year. Please RSVP to Jason via text or email: lakecityjason@gmail.com

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

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

Bagpiper: Duncan MacLeod

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

15:1b "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

15:2 The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

15:3 The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

15:4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

15:5 The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

15:6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power-- your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

15:7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

15:8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

15:9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'

15:10 You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

15:11 "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"

15:20 Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

15:21 And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Romans 14:1-12

14:1 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

14:2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

14:3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

14:4 Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

14:5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

14:6 Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

14:7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

14:8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

14:10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

14:11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

14:12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

18:21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

18:22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

18:23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

18:24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

18:25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

18:26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

18:27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

18:28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

18:29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

18:30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

18:31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

18:32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

18:33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

18:34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

18:35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Eternal God, bless these
symbols of our heritage,
and grant that those who
wear them, and the
families they represent,
may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you.



1983

Reunification of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA and the Presbyterian Church in the US.

1965

December 12, 1965, Rachel Hendrlite became the first woman ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the US.

1837

Old School/New School Controversy (-1869)

1706

First Presbytery in Philadelphia.

1646

Westminster Confession is accepted as the main confession of Scottish Presbyterians.

1560

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

1536

John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* is published.