



Community Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
24 September 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?*

***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 145:1-8

(One) I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

(All) Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

(One) Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

(All) One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

(One) On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

(All) The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

(One) They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

(All) The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Hymn (598)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

(1) Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose Word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

(2) See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

(3) Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them on their way.

(4) Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its bloated pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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 16:2-15

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

***Hymn (486)**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

(1) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting yielded and still.

(2) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

(3) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power— all power— surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

(4) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the

dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

God Will Take Care of You

***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

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trail Hiker Center

For the last week of the month (starting Monday, September 25th), we need help in two areas: 1) Covering the 11am-1pm shift at the hiker center and 2) someone willing to take a few hikers up at noon and bring hikers back to the center.

Games Up Here

Join us for games this **Monday, September 25th at 7:00pm** in the Presbyterian Annex!

Wednesday Bible Study

No Wednesday Bible Study Week.

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 16:2-15

16:2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

16:3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

16:5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

16:6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt,

16:7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

16:8 And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

16:9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"

16:10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

16:11 The LORD spoke to Moses and said,

16:12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

16:13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

16:14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.

16:15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Philippians 1:21-30

1:21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

1:22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer.

1:23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;

1:24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

1:25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,

1:26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

1:27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,

1:28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

1:29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--

1:30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

20:2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

20:3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;

20:4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

20:5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

20:6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

20:7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

20:8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

20:9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

20:10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

20:11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

20:12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

20:13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

20:14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

20:15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

20:16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."