



# Community Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday  
5 November 2023

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

(One) Almighty God, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit.

**(All) Let us spread this gift throughout the world by our love for one another. That it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(One) Come, Let us worship the God from whom all our blessings flow and who dwells with us today.

**(All) We will praise the One who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

#### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 43*

(One) Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

**(All) For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?**

(One) O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**(All) Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

(One) Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

#### \*Hymn (31)

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

(1) I sing the almighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command  
and all the stars obey.

(2) I sing the goodness of the Lord  
that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word  
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread  
or gaze upon the sky!

(3) There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow  
by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you  
is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that I may be,  
you, God, are present there.

### **Prayer of Confession**

(All) God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### **Silence**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Joshua 3:7-17*

### **New Testament Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 2:9-13*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 23:1-12*

### **Sermon**

### **\*Hymn (507)**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

(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**

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

(One) What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**(All)** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by

his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.  
–*The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)*

### **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**

#### **Offertory**

#### **\*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**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Games Up Here**

We're returning to our weekly games on **Monday, November 6th** at the Presbyterian Annex at 7:00pm.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us this **Wednesday, November 8th at 5:00pm** in Darley Hall as we begin our new book study. For the next seven weeks, we'll be reading Parker Palmer's *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Join the men of Lake City this **Thursday, November 9th at 7:00am** for good food, prayer, and Bible study.

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

**Organist/Pianist:** Celeste Scott

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## **SCRIPTURES**

### **Joshua 3:7-17**

3:7 The LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses.

3:8 You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'

3:9 Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God."

3:10 Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites:

3:11 the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan.

3:12 So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

3:13 When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap."

3:14 When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people.

3:15 Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water,

3:16 the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

3:17 While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

## **1 Thessalonians 2:9-13**

2:9 You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

2:10 You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers.

2:11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children,

2:12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

2:13 We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

## **Matthew 23:1-12**

23:1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

23:2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat;

23:3 therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.

23:4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

23:5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.

23:6 They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues,

23:7 and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.

23:9 And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father--the one in heaven.

23:10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.

23:11 The greatest among you will be your servant.

23:12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.