



# Community Presbyterian Church

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time  
29 October 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 1*

(One) Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

**(All) They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

(One) The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**(All) Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

#### \*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 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**

(All) In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, our sins have been washed away by the blood of the Lamb and we have been set

free and reconciled with our Creator. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

**New Testament Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 22:34-46*

### **Sermon**

**\*Hymn (544)**

*The Church's One Foundation*

(1) The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation, by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

(2) Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

(3) Though with scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

(4) 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

(5) Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

# 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

## \*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

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# SCRIPTURES

## Deuteronomy 34:1-12

34:1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan,

34:2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,

34:3 the Negeb, and the Plain -- that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees -- as far as Zoar.

34:4 The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

34:5 Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command.

34:6 He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day.

34:7 Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated.

34:8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

34:9 Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

34:10 Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.

34:11 He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land,

34:12 and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

### **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

2:1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,

2:2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

2:3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,

2:4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

2:5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed;

2:6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,

2:7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.

2:8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

### **Matthew 22:34-46**

22:34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,

22:35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

22:36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

22:37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

22:38 This is the greatest and first commandment.

22:39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

22:41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

22:42 "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."

22:43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

22:44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

22:45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"

22:46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.