



Community Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
25 August 2024

This is My Story, This is Our Song A Place At The Table

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Summer Medley

*Call to Worship

(One) Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

(All) The Lord has made salvation known to all. He has shown justice to the nations. He has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

(One) All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

(All) Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, let us praise the King, our Lord.

(One) Let our worship be joyful music to our God.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 84

(One) How dear to me is your dwelling, O God. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

(All) My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

(One) Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

(All) Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

(One) Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

(All) As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

(One) They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

(All) Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

(One) I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

(All) For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

(One) O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

***Hymn (617)**

A Place at the Table

(1) For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star over head,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

(2) For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]

(3) For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]

(4) For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]

(5) For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me, when you come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into Your Kingdom.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Bog Jest Miloscia

God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness, love and do not fear.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

Sermon

RESPONSE

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***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

A Farewell Blessing

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Serve the Lord

24:1

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

24:2a

And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

24:14

"Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD.

24:15

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

24:16

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,

24:17

for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed,

24:18

and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the armor of God

6:10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power;

6:11

put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,

6:12

for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

6:13

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm.

6:14

Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness

6:15

and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace.

6:16

With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

6:18

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

6:19

Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

6:20

for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69

The bread of eternal life

6:56

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.

6:57

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

6:58

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

6:59

He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

6:60

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

6:61

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

6:62

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

6:63

It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

6:64

But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him.

6:65

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

6:66

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

6:67

So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

6:68

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

6:69

We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy
One of God."