



# Community Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
15 September 2024

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

(One) A tiny mustard seed was sown. When it had grown into a great bush, the birds of the air came and made nests in it.

**(All) The Kingdom of God is both now and yet to come.**

(One) A woman took a small amount of yeast and kneaded it into some flour. All of the dough was leavened.

**(All) The Kingdom of God is both now and yet to come.**

(One) A treasure was hidden in a field. Someone found it and joyfully sold all he had to buy the field.

**(All) The Kingdom of God is both now and yet to come.**

(One) A merchant in search of fine pearls, finds one of great value. He sells all of his possessions and buys it.

**(All) The Kingdom of God is both now and yet to come.**

(One) May we be the hands and feet of Jesus. The Kingdom of God is here.

### Opening Prayer

#### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 98:1-5*

(One) O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**(All) His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.**

(One) The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**(All) He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

(One) All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**(All) Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

(One) Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

#### \*Chant of Taizé

*Da Pachem Domine*

Grant us Your peace O Lord,  
Grant us Your peace O Lord,  
May it fill all our days.

## **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**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

# PROCLAMATION

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Numbers 21:4b-9*

## **New Testament Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-24*

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 3:13-17*

## **Sermon**

# RESPONSE

## **\*Chant of Taizé**

*Da Pachem Domine*

Da pachem Domine,  
da pachem O Christe,  
in diebus nostris.

## **\*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**

*Da Pachem Domine*

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# SCRIPTURES

## **Numbers 21:4b-9**

*A bronze serpent in the wilderness*

but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## **1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

*The cross is the power of God*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

## **John 3:13-17**

*The Son of Man will be lifted up*

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.