



Community Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday/All Saints Sunday
3 November 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) We come to celebrate our salvation in Jesus Christ, who lives in us and we proclaim:

(All) Surely God is in this place!

(One) We come to open ourselves to God's grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, and love and we cry:

(All) Surely God is in this place!

(One) We come to hear God's voice more clearly in our lives as we listen to the Holy Spirit and we *whisper*:

(All) Surely God is in this place!

(One) We come to see God's Kingdom lived out in our faith community and in our lives and we declare:

(All) Surely God is in this place!

(One) We come to confess, sing, pray, worship, affirm, and offer ourselves to God and we exclaim:

(All) Surely God is in this place!

(One) Come, siblings of Christ, let us worship the eternal God—Father, Son, and Spirit—together.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

(One) Happy are those who walk in the law.

(All) Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

(One) Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.

(All) You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

(One) O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

(All) Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

(One) I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

(All) I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

***Hymn (507)**

A Mighty Fortress

(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.

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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon

RESPONSE

***Hymn (273)**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

(1) Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

(2) Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]

(3) These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

(4) Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat This Bread

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***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.

Prayer for All the Saints

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

6:1

"Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy,

6:2

so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life and

keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long.

6:3

Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

6:4

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

6:5

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6:6

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

6:7

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

6:8

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,

6:9

and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Hebrews 9:11-14

9:11

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),

9:12

he entered once for all into the holy place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

9:13

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified,

9:14

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Mark 12:28-34

12:28

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

12:29

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

12:30

you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

12:31

The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

12:32

Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other';

12:33

and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself' --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

12:34

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.