



Community Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Holy Cross Sunday
14 September 2025

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 98:1-5

(One) O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

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

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

***Hymn (287)**

Lift High The Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

(1) Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

(2) All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]

(3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]

(4) So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

Call to Confession

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

***Hymn (258)**

At The Cross

(1) Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross
where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away,
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!

(2) Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree! [Refrain]

(3) Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died
for his own creature's sin. [Refrain]
(4) But drops of grief can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away—
'tis all that I can do! [Refrain]

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

Numbers 21:4b-9

But the people became discouraged on the way.

21:5

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."

21:6

Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

21:7

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.

21:8

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."

21:9

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

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.

1:19

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

1:20

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?

1:21

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.

1:22

For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

1:23

but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,

1:24

but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

John 3:13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

3:14

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

3:15

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

3:16

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.

3:17

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.