



Six Great Ends of the Church

the proclamation of the gospel for the
salvation of humankind

Community Presbyterian Church

Eighth Sunday of Ordinal Time
26 July 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

*Call to Worship

(One) The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord!

(All) She is His new creation, by water and the Word.

(One) From heaven He came and sought us to be His holy bride.

(All) With His own blood He bought us, and for our lives He died!

(One) Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth, our charter of salvation:

(All) One Lord, one faith, one birth.

(One) Come us worship the God of our salvation, the Lord over all the earth, and the one foundation upon which we stand. Come, let us worship our King.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 119:129-136

(One) Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

(All) The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

(One) With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

(All) Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

(One) Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

(All) Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

(One) Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

(All) My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

***Hymn** *Lord of the Dance*

(1) I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

(2) I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

(3) I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

(4) I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

(5) They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession

(All) Jesus Christ, you are the one foundation upon which the church is established. We come to you today, trusting in the forgiveness you granted us through your death on the cross. Forgive us when we place ourselves before your church and its call to proclaim. Forgive us when our desire for liberty is more important to us than submitting to You. Forgive us when we choose ourselves, over our call to serve others. Grant us the assurance of your grace and forgiveness, that we may be your light in this world. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

***Hymn** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(1) O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

(2) My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

(3) Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,

'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

(4) He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

(5) To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

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 *God Will Take Care of You*

***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**

The Church's One Foundation

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SCRIPTURES

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

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And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

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And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

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And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

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Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

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It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

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God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

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I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

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And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

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For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

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And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

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He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?

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Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

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Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

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Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

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As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

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No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

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For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

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nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

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it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

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He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

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"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

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"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

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on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

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when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

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So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

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and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

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And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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**The proclamation of the gospel for the
salvation of humankind**

**The shelter, nurture, and spiritual
fellowship of the children of God**

The maintenance of divine worship

The preservation of the truth

The promotion of social righteousness

**The exhibition of the Kingdom of
Heaven to the world**