



Six Great Ends of the Church
the preservation of the truth

Community Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinal Time
16 August 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

*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 67

(One) May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

(All) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

(One) Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

(All) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

(One) The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

(All) May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Hymn (507)A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

(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) 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***Isaiah 56:1, 6-8***New Testament Reading***Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32***Gospel Reading***Matthew 15:10-20***Sermon*****Hymn (502)***Be Thou My Vision*

(1) Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(2) Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

(3) High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

*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 Lord Bless You and Keep You

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SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

56:6

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--

56:7

these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

56:8

Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

11:2a

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

11:30

Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

11:31

so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy.

11:32

For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:10-20

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:

15:11

it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

15:12

Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"

15:13

He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

15:14

Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

15:15

But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

15:16

Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?

15:17

Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?

15:18

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

15:19

For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

15:20

These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Six Great Ends of the Church



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