

Six Great Ends of the Church
the promotion of social righteousness

Community Presbyterian Church

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinal Time
23 August 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*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.

(All) Come, let us worship our King.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 138

(One) I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

(All) I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

(One) On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

(All) All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

(One) They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**(All) For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

(One) Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me
against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**(All) The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your
steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

(One) Do not forsake the work of your hands.

***Hymn** *O God, You Call for Justice*

(1) O God, you call for justice — for goodness, never greed!
You seek a world of fairness where all have what they need —
Where all have food and water and homes in which to thrive,
Where all have hope and laughter and joy to be alive!

(2) O God, you call for kindness instead of keeping score;
You seek a world that welcomes the hungry and the poor.
Lord, where there is injustice may we work to protect
The struggling ones, the voiceless that others would reject.

(3) You call us to walk humbly, for we are not our own;
We all are poor and needy; we need the grace you've shown.
May we respond to others reflecting what you give —
Compassion, kindness, justice — so all may gladly live.

(4) O God, may our great nation seek justice, as we should,
and work with dedication to seek the common good.
We're blessed to be a blessing; may we within our law
Seek justice and compassion that reaches out to all.

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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 51:1-6

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

***Hymn (G-769)**

A Place At The Table

(1) For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star over head.

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

(2) For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]

(3) For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]

(4) For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]

(5) For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, [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

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.

51:2

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

51:3

For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

51:4

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples.

51:5

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

51:6

Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

12:2

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

12:3

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

12:4

For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,

12:5

so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

12:6

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

12:7

ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

12:8

the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

16:14

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

16:15

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16:16

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

16:17

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

16:18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

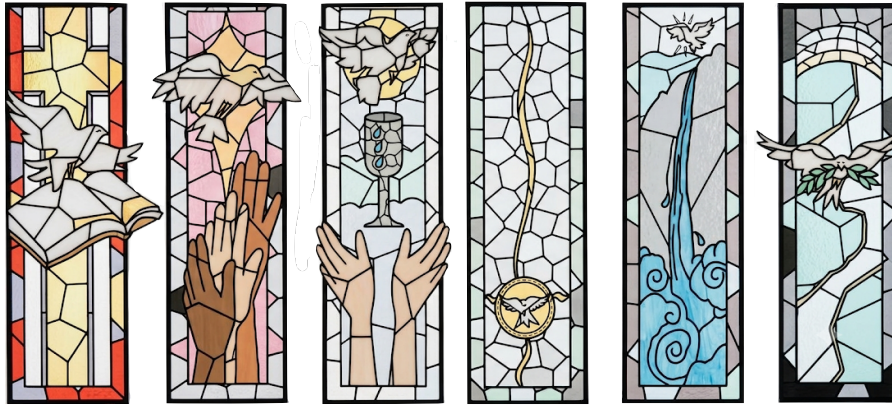
16:19

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

16:20

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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**