



Six Great Ends of the Church
the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

Community Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinal Time
30 August 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

150th Anniversary Celebration Address

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*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 26:1-8

(One) Your love is before my eyes. Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

(All) Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

(One) For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

(All) I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

(One) I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar,
O LORD, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all
your wondrous deeds.

**(All) O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the
place where your glory abides.**

***Hymn (G-14)**

For The Beauty of the Earth

(1) For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

(2) For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

(3) For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

(4) For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

(5) For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: [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

Isaiah 51:1-6

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

***Taizé Chant**

The Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us,
the gates of Your Kingdom.

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

Blessing and Sending

Charge

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Kingdom of God

Community Picture in Front of Sanctuary

150th Anniversary Celebration Reception

Community Presbyterian Church

Minister: Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

Worship Leader: Amy Humphreys

150th Celebration Guests: Heather Mikelson, Stephanie Fritz, Rene Myers, and Paul Talley.

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

15:17

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

15:18

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

15:19

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

15:20

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

15:21

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

12:10

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

12:11

Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

12:12

Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer.

12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

12:14

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

12:15

Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

12:16

Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

12:17

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

12:18

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

12:19

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."

12:20

Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

16:22

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

16:23

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

16:24

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

16:25

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

16:26

For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

16:27

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

16:28

Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."