



Celebrating 150 Years of Proclamation

Community Presbyterian Church

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinal Time
13 September 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 103:1-13

(One) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

(All) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

(One) –who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

(All) –who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

(One) The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

(All) He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

(One) The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

(All) He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

(One) He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

(All) For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

(One) as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

(All) As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

***Hymn (G-15)** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

(1) All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(2) O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(3) O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,

sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(4) All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(5) And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(6) O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!

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

Genesis 50:15-21

New Testament Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

***Hymn (G-753)** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

(1) Make me a channel of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;

where there is injury, your healing power,

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

(2) Make me a channel of your peace:

where there's despair in life let me bring hope;

Where there is darkness, only light,

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

(3) O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love with all my soul.

(4) Make me a channel of your peace:

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

in giving to all that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith (G-35)**

The Apostles' Creed

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

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

50:16

So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died,

50:17

'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please

forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."
Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

50:18

Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said,
"We are here as your slaves."

50:19

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place
of God?

50:20

Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it
for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is
doing today.

50:21

So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little
ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to
them.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose
of quarreling over opinions.

14:2

Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only
vegetables.

14:3

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and
those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat,
for God has welcomed them.

14:4

Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is
before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be
upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

14:5

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others
judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their
own minds.

14:6

Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also
those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to

God; while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give
thanks to God.

14:7

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to
ourselves.

14:8

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the
Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the
Lord's.

14:9

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might
be Lord of both the dead and the living.

14:10

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you,
why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all
stand before the judgment seat of God.

14:11

For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow
to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

14:12

So then, each one of us will be held accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of
the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As
many as seven times?"

18:22

Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-
seven times.

18:23

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

18:24

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten
thousand talents was brought to him,

18:25

and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

18:26

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

18:27

And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

18:28

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

18:29

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

18:30

But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

18:31

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

18:32

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

18:33

Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

18:34

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

18:35

So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."