



Celebrating 150 Years of Proclamation

Community Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinal Time
20 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 145:1-8

(One) I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

(All) Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

(One) Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

(All) One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

(One) They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

(All) They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

(One) They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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

***Hymn (G-625)**

How Great Thou Art

(1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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(2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

(3) And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

(4) When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

***Hymn (G-649)**

Amazing Grace

(1) Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

(3) Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(4) The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be

as long as life endures.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

4:1

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

4:2

He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

4:3

And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

4:4

And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

4:5

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

4:6

The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

4:7

But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

4:8

When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

4:9

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die."

4:10

Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

4:11

And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

1:22

If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; yet I cannot say which I will choose.

1:23

I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better,

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but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

1:25

Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,

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so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

1:27

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel

1:28

and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

1:29

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well,

1:30

since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

20:2

After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

20:3

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

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and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

20:5

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

20:6

And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

20:7

They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

20:8

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

20:9

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius.

20:10

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.

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And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

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saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

20:13

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?

20:14

Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

20:15

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

20:16

So the last will be first, and the first will be last."