



Community Presbyterian Church

Eighteen Sunday of Ordinal Time
World Communion Sunday
4 October 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) Almighty God, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit.

(All) Let us spread this gift throughout the world by our love for one another. That it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(One) Come, Let us worship the God from whom all our blessings flow and who dwells with us today.

(All) We will praise the One who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 80:7-15

(One) Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

(All) You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

(One) You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

(All) The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

(One) Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

(All) The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

(One) Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

***Hymn (G-526)** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

(1) Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

(2) Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

(3) Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession (G-227) *Jesus Remember Me*

*Jesus remember me,
when you come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus remember me,
when you come into Your Kingdom.*

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Gospel Reading

*Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46*

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

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion (G-527)

Eat This Bread

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

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He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

5:3

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

5:4

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

5:5

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

5:6

I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

5:7

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

3:5

circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

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as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

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Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

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More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

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and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

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I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,

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if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

3:13

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

3:14

I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.

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When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

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But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

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Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.

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Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

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But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

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So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

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Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

21:41

They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

21:42

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

21:43

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.

21:44

The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

21:45

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

21:46

They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.