

# **Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!**

**October 25, 2020**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**10:00 a.m.**

***Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.***

**Quote for Meditation:** "I really want to know you." – George Harrison "My Sweet Lord"

**GREETING** Mark Hontz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Elder Ron McConnell

**PRELUDE** "Loving You"

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 90:13-17 Led by Stephanie Hontz

**Leader:** Relent, LORD! How long will it be?

**People:** ***Have compassion on your servants.***

**Leader:** Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,

**People:** ***That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.***

**Leader:** Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

**People:** ***For as many years as we have seen trouble.***

**Leader:** May your deeds be shown to your servants,

**People:** ***Your splendor to their children.***

**Leader:** May the favor<sup>[a]</sup> of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—

**People:** ***Yes, establish the work of our hands***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Susanna Hontz (1539; used by Jean Calvin and John Knox):

***Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.***

**SILENT CONFESSION:** *Let each of us come before the face of the Lord, confessing our own faults.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1539):** Thomas Hontz

This saying is true and we should believe it: that Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. To all those who repent, therefore, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**New Testament:**

**Matthew 22:34-36**

**Nathaniel Hontz**

**Response:**

**One:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** ***Thanks be to God!***

**SERMON:** "How Easy. How Difficult. How Great." Mark Hontz

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE:** "My Sweet Lord" (George Harrison) The Hontz Family

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Mark Hontz  
*Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these gifts to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters, the needs of this church and the needs of the world.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**Music:** "Give Me Love (Give Me Peace on Earth)" (George Harrison) Hontz Family

**BENEDICTION** Mark Hontz

**POSTLUDE** "Through You, All Is Possible"

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**Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .**

Pulpit Supply:	Mark Hontz
Lay Assistant:	Elder Ron McConnell and Hontz Family
Director of Family Ministries:	Deacon Melissa Ash
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Organist:	Mary Elizabeth Rawley
Ushers/Greeters:	Elder Bill Jardine, Deacon Christy Shepard

Welcome to our Worship Service. We welcome the Hontz Family back to CPC this morning. Mark will be filling in as Pulpit Supply this morning. Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, November 1: Revelations 7:9-17 and Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12;

Communion Stewards for November 1: Elder Jeanne Perry, Deacon Tom Perry  
Ushers for November 1: Vicki and Elder Al Kopacka

\*\*\*Daylight savings time ends next Sunday, please be sure to turn your clocks BACK one hour before retiring on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.



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## Proclaiming the Word

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-36 (NSRV) Nathaniel Hontz

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah?<sup>[a]</sup> Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.