

# Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 9/27/20

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**Quote/Prayer for Meditation:** “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us; the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.” - Psalm 78:1-4

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Announcements: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Prelude: “Choral” by Józef Nicorowicz

## Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship:

O God,  
by whom the meek are guided in judgment

and light rises in darkness for the godly:

**Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,  
the grace to ask what you would have us do;  
that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices,  
and that in your light we may see light,  
and in your straight path may not stumble;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen**

## Opening Hymn: #262, “Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

1. Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus,  
bears the name above all names,  
reigning Son of God,  
surpassing other titles, powers and claims;  
since to heaven our Lord has passed,  
let us hold our witness fast!
2. Since we have a priest who suffered,  
knowing weakness, tears, and pain,  
who, like us, was tried and tempted,  
unlike us, without a stain;  
since he shared our lowly place,  
let us boldly seek his grace.

3. Sacrifice and suffering over,  
now he sits at God's right hand,  
crowned with praise, no more an outcast,  
his preeminence long planned;  
such a great high priest we have,  
strong to help, supreme to save.

4. Love's example, hope's attraction,  
faith's beginning and its end,  
pioneer of our salvation,  
mighty advocate and friend:  
Jesus, high in glory raised,  
our ascended Lord, be praised.

## Prayer of Confession:

**Eternal and merciful God,  
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,  
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake;  
Yet, we have strayed from your way;  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
through what we have done and what we have left undone,  
and we have wandered from your pathway.  
As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God,  
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.  
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,  
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Scripture Lessons:

First Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

Pastoral Letter: Philippians 2:1-13

#### Exodus 17:1-7

“From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?””

## Philippians 2:1-13

“If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

[Sermon: “On to the Next Stage”](#)

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Hymn #475, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **Responding to the Word**

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Offertory: “The Old  
Rugged Cross” by George Bennard

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People 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 the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #265, “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Benediction: Rev Chris Scrivens

Postlude: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts" by Nolene  
prince