

Community of Faith



Presbyterian Church

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Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, October 8, 2023**

Toll free conference call number (844) 855-4444, access code 654132#  
Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

Regular type, leader reads; **Bold type, all read**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Centering Music**

**+Call to Worship**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**P: and all creation proclaims with us your handiwork, Oh God**

L: Oh God, Our offering of praise is to you alone. We are here to worship the Lord of our salvation. let your spirit fall on us now, in this place. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**P: In Jesus' name, Amen!**

**+Hymn** *This is My Father's World #370*

**Call to Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,

We dare to approach God with confidence.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God who is faithful and just, forgive us our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.**

**Empower us to serve you fully, to share the resources we have with those who have less, to weep with those who weep, and to laugh with those who laugh. Help us to be good stewards over the earth you have placed in our care; help us to unite in love and concern for one another, our local community, and with brothers and sisters in all the world.**

*(Moment of silent prayer.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: The mercy of the Lord

Is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,

We are forgiven!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

L: Be at peace

**Amen.**

## Response of Praise

### Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the sign of the peace with one another.

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

L: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

### Scripture Reading Psalm 19:1-14

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;
- 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

- In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- 5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
  - 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring for ever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

- 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## Anthem

### Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46

33“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41They 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.**”

42Jesus 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’? 43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet

**Sermon** Rev. Trent Holden

## Responding to the Word

### Affirmation of Faith

L: The Lord has shown us what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

**P: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. This we believe.**

L: Jesus says: I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**P: Amen!**

## Offering Prayer

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

**P: The world, and those who live in it.**

L: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

**P: and of your own we give you.**

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; in the way of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

## Response of Praise (v.1 only)

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God,  
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me.  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

### Taking the Word into the World

**+Song** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* #766

**+Charge and Benediction**

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## Scriptures for

### Sunday, Oct. 15

Exodus 32:1–14  
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23  
Philippians 4:1–9  
Matthew 22:1–14

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ruth Roeber  
The McDermott family  
Johanna Willis  
The Kleier family  
Jean Jennings' family  
Emille Walden  
Kelly Montana  
Lynda Jaeger  
Ron Carlin  
Ella Grace Marksberry

## Worship Services

Join us for in-person services at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

## Liturgists Needed

Liturgists are needed to help lead worship. Please sign up on the sheet located on the welcome table. Thank you!

## Treasurer Position Opening

The COF session is looking for a new Treasurer. The position of Treasurer is required by the Book of Order, and entails working with our accounting firm to pay bills, manage pledges and offerings, and report to session and the congregation regarding the finances of the congregation. Training will be provided.

## Stewardship 2023: Growing in Faith & Serving the Underserved

The Stewardship season is underway and we will have more information in upcoming worship services, newsletter articles and announcements on how you can support COF and our surrounding community.