



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Established*  
*October 4, 1851*  
*Madison, Wisconsin*



**Sunday, September 20, 2020**  
**The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10:00am Online Worship**

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*We are ... A Community centered in Christ:  
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.*

## Ordinary Time



Most of the church year is organized around the two major festivals that mark sacred time — Christmas and Easter.

The rest of the year is known as Ordinary Time. This term comes from the word "ordinal," which means "counted time." Ordinary Time begins with Trinity Sunday and ends with Christ the King Sunday.

The Sundays of Ordinary Time are often used to focus on various aspects of faith, especially the mission of the church in the world. Some ministers use Ordinary Time to focus on specific themes of interest or importance to their congregation, or build sermons around the Lectionary readings. The sanctuary color for Ordinary Time is green, a color traditionally associated with new life and growth.

## We Gather in the Love of Christ

The Organ Prelude *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

David N. Johnson

Welcome

The Call to Worship

The Nyanjo Family

God invites us to join together today in faith, hope, and love!

**God invites us to be true to others and to be authentic to be the persons we are.**

We do not need to try to impress each other or to claim that we are more deserving than others,  
**But simply to be people in community with other people who believe in God, joined in the love of the God who made us and is among us.**

Let us find ourselves in this moment of the joy of knowing ...

**... that we are loved and accepted and cherished by God, and that together with each other, we are a family.**

Hymn of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King*

David Crowder

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Holy God, as those who are called and bound together in the love of Jesus Christ, we know that we are a congregation united in many rituals and beliefs and symbols. But it is easy for us, even in our fellowship, to lose touch with the challenging nature of Christ as a living presence among us. In schedules disrupted by the times and in programs still seeking to connect us, in our celebration of things achieved and in our frustrations at those put on hold, in petty conflicts of personality or ego, in just plain anxiety "burn-out," our hearts are often diverted from the affirmation that "Jesus is Lord".

Be present to us, O Lord, in new ways that awaken us to the ever-renewing nature of Christ. Give us confidence that our world can be changed and that our efforts of faith make a difference. Fill us with the love that makes things happen. And keep our minds and hearts upon the reality of Christ in our church and in our lives. Amen.

## The Assurance of Pardon

The Psalmist declares: “The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

**Jesus offered that mercy with the invitation: “The one who comes to me I will not cast out.”**

And the earliest Christians believed in that mercy when they affirmed: “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

**God forgives us, accepts us, and invites us into a new way of living.**

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Response of Praise**     *’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Louisa Stead/William Kirkpatrick

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

**The Doxology**

Glory to God, No. 606

## *We Grow by Grace in the Spirit of God*

### News of the Church

**A Reading from Scripture**

Matthew 20:1-16

**The Sermon**     *Complaining While on Holy Ground*

Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

**An Invitation for Giving**     *In response to hearing the Word of God, you are invited to consider giving to the ministry of Christ Presbyterian Church. Visit <https://cpcmadison.org/online-worship/>, and click on the “Donate” button to find out how.*

**Offertory Anthem**     *For Where Love Is, There is God*

Douglas Wagner

*Wagner has set words from the Latin Hymn “Ubi caritas” to a familiar tune—“Beach Spring” — from the 1844 hymnbook called “The Sacred Harp.” Thanks to Cliff Koehler for this compilation.*

## *We Go Forth in Joy to Serve the Lord*

**The Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Sending Song**     *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Glory to God, No. 36

**The Benediction**

**The Organ Postlude**     *B Major Prelude, from Prelude and Fugue No. 1*

Marcel Dupré

## Leading in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson  
Liturgists: Kathy Otterson, Natalie Handley  
Scripture Reader: Edie Holcomb  
Prayers of the People: Jean René Watchou  
Organist: John Rafoth Pianists: Natalie Handley, John Rafoth  
Guitar: Brad Sheffer Drums: Steve Porter  
Vocalists: John Bohman, Kathy Otterson, Laura Andrews, Sarah Statz  
Natalie Handley, John Itson  
Worship Streaming Coordinator: Bryan Yates

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**CPC Deacon On-Call—September**  
**Malvina Nyanjo (608) 960-2972 [malvinanyanjo@yahoo.com](mailto:malvinanyanjo@yahoo.com)**

### **Why read the Lectionary?**

The daily Lectionary readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily scripture citations for home reading.

**Monday, September 21, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5

**Thursday, September 24, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16

**Friday, September 25, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41

**Saturday, September 26, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33

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**CILC Ways to get involved at CPC - even during a pandemic**

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