



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Established*

*October 4, 1851*

*Madison, Wisconsin*



**The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Sunday September 6, 2020  
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 Christ's Love

**The Organ Prelude** *Allegro*, from Three Pieces for Organ

Desmond Ratcliffe

## Welcome and The Call to Worship

Jesus promises, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

**We, the People of God, are "gathered" in our hearts, yet scattered into our separate homes!**

Even so, in the name of Jesus Christ, in the Spirit of God's Grace, we still can worship and sing and pray, as One Body of Faith!

**Let us then sing and celebrate this good news!**

Let us all be of good courage and hope!

**Christ is here, among us, in the midst of this world, wherever we might be!**

**Let us worship God!**

**Song of Praise** *Oh How Good It Is*

Keith and Krysten Getty

## The Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and merciful God, we worship you in humility, needing your forgiveness, for we know that we fail not only ourselves but you. We judge others with harsh standards that we dare not use on ourselves.

**We find fault with our sisters and brothers, and yet neglect our own bitterness and anger.**

**The strong in faith scorn the weak, and babes in belief rush to criticize the strong.**

We yearn for your acceptance, strain toward your mercy, and condemn those you love.

**Cleanse us from self-righteous approaches to others who seek understanding and need care. Teach us to see with your eyes, embrace with your arms, and hold tenderly all the peoples of your world.**

## Silent Confession



## Leading in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

Liturgists: David and Mary Strait

Celebrating Communion: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson and Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner

Scripture Reader: Mary Strait

Organist: John Rafoth Pianist: Natalie Handley

Bass: Mary Strait Drums: Steve Porter, Bill Cheadle

Guitar: Brad Sheffer Cello: Derek Handley Flute: Angie Dickens

Vocalists: Laura Andrews, John Bohman, Matt Clark-Sally, Amalia Goldberg,  
Natalie Handley, Rich Henderson, John Itson, Trinity Kulp, Kathy Otterson, Kirstin Roble,

Brad Sheffer, Sarah Statz, Jiabao Zhang

Worship Streaming Coordinator: Bryan Yates

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## CPC Deacon On-Call—September

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youth and adults, please visit:

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