

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

MAY 3, 2020

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from Psalm 119.64-68*

Minister: O LORD, your unfailing love fills the earth; teach me your decrees.

**All: You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands.**

Minister: Before I was disciplined I went astray, but now I closely follow your word.

**All: You are good, and what you do is good; O LORD, teach me your decrees.**

## HYMN

### *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

EIN' FEST BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading adapted from Romans 8.35-39*

Minister: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

**All:** Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Minister: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**All:** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor*

BOSWELL/PAPA

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;  
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.  
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;  
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!  
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All:** Heavenly Father, in good times we boldly and gladly confess our faith and hope in Jesus. Yet when trials and troubles come, we often move to despair and doubt and find ourselves sinfully consumed with anxiety and fear. We thank you that Jesus entered this world of suffering and temptation on our behalf as our merciful and compassionate High Priest. Give us the strength to trust in Him regardless of our circumstances. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*Ruling Elder, Mr. Grant Simmons*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### *Joshua 1.1-9*

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>2</sup> "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

### *1 Corinthians 16.13*

<sup>13</sup> Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

## SERMON

### *The Doing of Being*

*Rev. Dave Clelland*

## HYMN

### *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

COOK

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace;  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold;  
His face forever to behold.

## BENEDICTION

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.

*Jenna Smith, voice*

## SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: As a Christian, what can I do to be strong and courageous?

- I. Believe in the person of God.
  - A. Our faith does not rest on man.
  - B. Our faith rests on God who is able.
- II. Trust in the promises of God.
  - A. Trust them for your immediate needs.
  - B. Trust them for your future.
- III. Obey the precepts of God.
  - A. Make sure you know them.
  - B. Make sure we are known by them.
- IV. Live in the presence of God.
  - A. It is your present reality.
  - B. It is your future hope.

Answer: Yes, join me in doing what the Lord told Joshua to do!