

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

APRIL 21, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Jeremiah 29.11-13

Minister: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

All: Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Creatures of Our God and King | No. 11
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN* (CONT.)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

Minister: Christian, how are you righteous before God?

All: I am declared righteous before God solely through true faith in Jesus Christ. Although I have grievously sinned against all of God's commandments, and continue to be prone to sin, God, purely out of grace, and without any merit of my own, grants and credits to me the complete satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. It is as if I had never sinned, and had personally fulfilled all the obedience that Christ accomplished for me.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | No. 457

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of ev'ry 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.

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, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be,
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring 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.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, You call me to look upon the beauty and glory of Your Son, but I have turned my gaze to the transient and created splendor of this world. I have harbored desires for earthly wealth, beauty, and achievement to a sinful extent, and have often prioritized them over seeking the kingdom, power, and glory of Jesus. Forgive me for the wandering eyes of my heart, and enable me by faith to fix my gaze upon the One who alone is worthy of all my focused attention, and deepest affection. This we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Children's Time

After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Acts 2.1-15, 22-24

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians -- we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

SCRIPTURE READING* (CONT.)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know -- ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

SERMON

The Great Reversal

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

O Church, Arise

Getty, Townend

O church, arise, and put your armor on,
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies,
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor,
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.

During the bread

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Boswell, Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Jesus Is Mine

Merker, Kauflin, and Getty

Fade, fade, each earthly joy, Jesus is mine.
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.
Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place.
Jesus alone can bless, Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.
His voice commands the storm, his presence stills my soul.
He will sustain my hope, Jesus is mine.

*Refrain: Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine,
When all else fails, He still remains, Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day, Jesus is mine,
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling, praising my Savior King,
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine."

Refrain

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be
with you all now and forever.