

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MAY 10, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 90

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from John 10.11-15

Minister: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

All: The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So, when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

Minister: The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

All: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep."

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

BROTHER JAMES AIRE

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie,
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by,
He leadeth me, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake,
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still,
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishéd in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be,
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

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, forgive us for our pervasive lack of trust in you. As you called Abraham out of his country into unknown circumstances, so you often call us to walk through difficult and frightening times. In response, we often turn to other things for hope and comfort. Like sheep, we are prone to wander, and we have turned – every one of us – to our own way. And yet the Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, laid down his life for a wayward people. Father help us to trust that you always use the suffering of your children for good, as we see so clearly in the cross of Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Ruling Elder, Mr. Wes Boyd

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

SERMON

My Shepherd

Rev. David Rea

HYMN

We Will Glorify

PARIS

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords who is the Great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth, He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings, hallelujah to the Lamb!
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, who is the Great I Am.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Musicians:
Ebonee Thomas, flute
Brent Buemi, clarinet
Stephanie Robertson, bassoon
Jenna Smith, voice