

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MAY 17, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 121

Minister: I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

All: He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Minister: The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from John 10.14-18

Minister: "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.

All: I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Minister: The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again.

All: No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus, I Come

SLEEPER THOMPSON

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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, like our first parents, we are easily captivated by the objects that our eyes desire. We confess that though you have given us Your most cherished treasure, yet we prize many other things more highly than Christ. Forgive us for trusting more in other things than in the provision of Your Son. Holy Spirit, cause us to cherish Christ above all our other desires, so that we will be truly satisfied in Him. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Ruling Elder, Mr. Graham Averitt

*Good Shepherd of my soul, come dwell within me;
Take all I am and mould Your likeness in me.
Before the cross of Christ, this is my sacrifice:
A life laid down and ready to follow.*

*The troubled find their peace in true surrender;
The prisoners their release from chains of anger.
In springs of living grace, I find a resting place
To rise refreshed, determined to follow.*

*I'll walk this narrow road with Christ before me,
Where thorns and thistles grow and cords ensnare me.
Though doubted and denied, He never leaves my side,
But lifts my head and calls me to follow.*

*And when my days are gone, my strength is failing;
He'll carry me along through death's unveiling.
Earth's struggles overcome, Heav'n's journey just begun
To search Christ's depths and ever to follow.*

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.

³ 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

YOU are with me

Rev. David Rea

HYMN

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Chorus

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.

Jenna Smith, voice