

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MAY 31, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

All: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

Minister: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

All: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Psalm 139

Minister: Christian, to what extent does God know His people?

All: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!

SONG OF PRAISE

He Will Hold Me Fast

MERKER

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! *Chorus*

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, you are the Sovereign King who created and sustains all things by your wisdom. Yet we confess that we have not honored you nor given you the thanks and praise you deserve. Instead, we have worshiped power, control, money, reputation, and self. We often value these things more than we value you, pursuing them as if they were treasure. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for Jesus who always fully trusted and treasured you above all else. By Your Spirit, help us to learn from Him and transform our hearts to be more like His. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Ruling Elder, Mr. Joshua Kipp

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

SERMON

All the Way

Rev. Dave Clelland

HYMN

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! -how sweet the sound- that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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.

Jenna Smith, voice

SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: In our lives, where will we find the Lord as our helper?

I. All the way our help is from the Lord.

A. Personal help from a personal God.

B. Personal help from Almighty God.

II. All the way He is always ready.

A. He watches every step.

B. His eye is always on us.

III. All the way He is protecting.

A. He meets our needs in every season.

B. He defends us in all of life.

IV. All the way He will preserve us.

A. He preserves us in all of life.

B. He preserves us for eternal life.

Answer: All the way – Lift up your eyes – His help is yours!