PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

AUGUST 16, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 145.1-3

Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King.

All: I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Minister: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

All: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness is beyond comprehension!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

O Worship the King | No. 2 Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading adapted from Genesis 17.4-8

Minister: And God said to Abram, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.

All: No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

Minister: And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

All: And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

LYONS

SONG OF PRAISE

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free; Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul: His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began; Sent my Saviour down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own. Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face; And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

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 sinfully turn to other things for hope and comfort. Like sheep, we are prone to wander; 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

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING*

Psalm 74

(Please see insert.)

SERMON

Remember Me

Rev. David Rea

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.

GETTY & REA

Romans 5:1

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN*

O Great God

KAUFLIN

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

BENEDICTION*

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

In Loving Memory

We extend our deepest condolences to Karen Siebenhausen in the recent loss of her father, Christian Harman Siebenhausen, Jr. (also grandfather to Kristi Breed).

We extend our deepest condolences to Corrine Nelson and Paul Flynn in the recent loss of his father, Paul Flynn, Sr.

We pray that the Siebenhausen and Flynn families would know the comfort and grace of Christ Jesus during this difficult time.

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Psalm 74

A Maskil of Asaph. ¹O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? ² Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt. ³ Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary! ⁴ Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place; they set up their own signs for signs. ⁵ They were like those who swing axes in a forest of trees. ⁶ And all its carved wood they broke down with hatchets and hammers. ⁷ They set your sanctuary on fire; they profaned the dwelling place of your name, bringing it down to the ground. ⁸ They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them"; they burned all the meeting places of God in the land. ⁹ We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is none among us who knows how long. ¹⁰ How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever? ¹¹ Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take it from the fold of your garment and destroy them! ¹² Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. ¹³ You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters. ¹⁴ You crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness. ¹⁵ You split open springs and brooks; you dried up ever-flowing streams. ¹⁶ Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. ¹⁷You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. ¹⁸ Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles your name. ¹⁹ Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of your poor forever. ²⁰ Have regard for the covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence. ²¹ Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise your name. ²² Arise, O God, defend your cause; remember how the foolish scoff at you all the day! ²³ Do not forget the clamor of your foes, the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up continually!