

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

AUGUST 23, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 12.1-12

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

All: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

Minister: Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

All: Who, for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

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!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Colossians 1.15-20

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus Christ?

All: We believe he is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

SONG OF PRAISE

Lamb of God

Your only Son no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Chorus:

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God.

Oh wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

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 righteous and holy, but we are not. We are not poor in spirit: we are proud and self-dependent. We do not properly mourn over our sin and the sin of others: we hide and excuse our sin, while judging others for their sin. We are not meek but are eager to defend our own rights and reputations, while caring little for your good name and the name of others. Lord God, we confess that we deserve your condemnation for all these things. Thank you, Father, for Jesus Christ, who lived and died that we might be forgiven for our sins. Help us to love him and strive to live as becomes a follower of him. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING*

Psalm 141

(Please see insert.)

SERMON

Save Me...from 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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN*

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

Stanzas 1-3

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

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Chorus

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.

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Psalm 141

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!
Give ear to my voice when I call to you!
- ² Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
- ³ Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;
keep watch over the door of my lips!
- ⁴ Do not let my heart incline to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with men who work iniquity,
and let me not eat of their delicacies!
- ⁵ Let a righteous man strike me—it is a kindness;
let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head;
let my head not refuse it.
Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.
- ⁶ When their judges are thrown over the cliff,
then they shall hear my words, for they are pleasant.
- ⁷ As when one plows and breaks up the earth,
so shall our bones be scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
- ⁸ But my eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!
- ⁹ Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me
and from the snares of evildoers!
- ¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
while I pass by safely.