

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

OCTOBER 11, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*adapted from Psalm 27.4-5, 7-8*

Minister: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

**All: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading adapted from Isaiah 42.6 & Isaiah 49.6*

Minister: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;

**All: I will give you as a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,**

Minister: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

**All: I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *His Mercy is More*

BOSWELL/PAPA

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

#### *Chorus:*

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

#### *Chorus*

#### *Repeat 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: all too often, we are proud and sinfully independent. We do not properly mourn over our sin: we frequently 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 too little for your good name and the name of others. Lord God, we deserve your condemnation for all these things. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who lived and died that we would 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

*Romans 5:1*

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

### *Children's Time (10:30 service only)*

*After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.*

## SCRIPTURE READING\*

### *Jonah 3*

(Please see insert.)

## SERMON

### *The Sign of Jonah*

*Rev. Nate Libby*

## 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\*

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** | No. 164  
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

#### 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.

*Yesenia Campos, violin*

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#### **Deacons**

Dan Bowers	Jack Mechem	David Sibley
Teddy Chu	Casey Plummer	
T.J. Edwards	Will Schoellkopf	

### *Jonah 3*

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message  
that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word  
of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’  
journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey.  
And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And  
the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on  
sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup> The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his  
throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.  
<sup>7</sup> And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the  
decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock,  
taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup> but let man and beast be  
covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone  
turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup> Who  
knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we  
may not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil  
way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and  
he did not do it.