PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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

Minister: Christian, what is the fruit of the Spirit?

All: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

LYONS

from Galatians 5.22-23

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit

GETTY AND TOWNEND

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see; Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do— Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude, Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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, we confess that we are a people who constantly turn aside after our idols, ignoring your life-giving statutes and the wise rules of your Word. Our eyes frequently covet the possessions and blessings you have given to our neighbors. Our minds and our mouths are constantly filled with sinful thoughts and words. Our hearts are too attached to things that will rust, break, decay, and die, instead of trusting in the one who loved us and gave himself for us. Father, be at work in us more and more. Give us the strength, will, and desire to obey and trust you from the heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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*

(Please see insert.)

SERMON

Portrait of a Disciple

Matthew 5.1-12

Rev. Chris Bennett

Romans 6.23

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 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: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever.

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Matthew 5.1-12

 1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.