

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 21, 2021

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,

All: To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Minister: 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.

All: 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*

Crown Him with Many Crowns | No. 295

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading adapted from John 15

Minister: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

All: I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Minister: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

All: These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

SONG OF PRAISE

Show Us Christ

KAUFLIN AND PLANK

Prepare our hearts, O God.
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground.
Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us;
Cause it to bear fruit.
Open up our ears to hear,
Lead us in Your truth.

*Chorus: Show us Christ, show us Christ.
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word,
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes.
Guards us through temptations,
Makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
Freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul.
Come speak to us today. *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, we come to you today as people who often prefer to govern our own lives rather than submit to your rule and shepherding. We frequently treat you as a servant who exists to meet all of our felt needs, and instead of trusting your provision for us, we run toward the false and dangerous hopes of our sinful desires and idolatries. Forgive us, we pray! Help us, more and more, to die to sin and live in righteousness. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9 a.m. service)

Owen Donald Libby

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*

Matthew 20.1-16

(Please see insert.)

SERMON

The Generous Landowner

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*

We Will Glorify

PARIS

We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords who is the Great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth, He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings, hallelujah to the Lamb!
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, who is the Great I Am.

BENEDICTION*

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Matthew 20.1-16

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶ About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹ “The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”