

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

MAY 30, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 100.1-4*

Minister: Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and not we ourselves. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Stanzas 1, 4, and 5*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!

*Chorus:*

*O praise Him! O praise Him!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!

*Chorus*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

*Chorus*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Philippians 3.8-11*

Minister: Christian, is anything comparable to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ?

**All: I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

GETTY AND PAPA

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing Hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

*Repeat Refrain*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All: Almighty God, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and to humbly confess to you our unbelief. While we know and believe that Jesus died for us on the cross, and that he was raised for us from the dead, we admit it often makes too little difference in our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us to more fully embrace the truth of the gospel: that our love for you may flourish, that our obedience may be wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more courageous. 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\*

**Acts 16.16-32**

## SERMON

**Unashamed**

*Rev. Dave Clelland*

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\*

And Can It Be That I Should Gain | No. 455  
Stanzas 1 and 3

SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Chorus: Amazing love! How can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above - so free, so infinite his grace!  
Humbled himself, so great his love, and bled for all his chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Chorus

BENEDICTION\*

Numbers 6:24-26

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

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## **Romans 1.16**

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

(NIV, 1984)

## **Acts 16.16-32**

<sup>16</sup> Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." <sup>18</sup> She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

<sup>19</sup> When the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. <sup>20</sup> They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar <sup>21</sup> by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

<sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. <sup>23</sup> After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. <sup>24</sup> Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

<sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup> They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. (NIV, 1984)

## SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: What was it that made Paul unashamed when it came to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

1. He knew its resurrection power!
2. He knew its power over evil!
3. He knew its power in suffering and despair!
4. He knew its power to free!
5. He knew its power to save!
6. He knew the Lord Jesus!

Answer: For Paul, it was knowing that no matter what Jesus was not ashamed of him.