

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 111

Minister: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He remembers his covenant forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Crown Him with Many Crowns | No. 295
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

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

from Revelation 21.1-4

Minister: Christian, what is your hope regarding the future?

All: Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

SONG OF PRAISE

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)

KAUFLIN/MERKER

(Please see insert for music.)

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

*Chorus: How sure His compassion for us!
Oh how deep is His love;
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams;
Come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in Him.

Chorus

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed;
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

Chorus

Repeat Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, you know our hearts. We are a people who confess your sovereign care over our lives, yet we often live as practical atheists – boasting in our accomplishments, despairing in our failures, and sinfully doubting during periods of uncertainty and suffering. Forgive us for pursuing our plans and ignoring yours. Renew us in the Holy Spirit to live as your children and draw our hearts to you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

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

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.

¹ Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. ² And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." ³ But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." ⁴ And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food.

⁵ But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" ⁶ And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" ⁷ And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. ⁹ And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. ¹⁰ And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." ¹¹ And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, ¹² they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. ¹³ And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. ¹⁴ Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead."

¹⁵ As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." ¹⁶ And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

SERMON

Triumphant Mercy*Rev. Dave Clelland*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

*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

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.*

*Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.
The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.*

During the bread

What Wondrous Love is This | No. 261
Stanzas 1-3

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity, I'll sing on!

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

O God Beyond All Praising | No. 660
Stanzas 1-2

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

BENEDICTION*

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

SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: Are you a good guy or a bad guy?

- I. Our world is in need of justice.
 - A. Justice for the bad guy
 - B. Justice for the good guy
- II. Christians must protect their inheritance.
 - A. It is from our king.
 - B. It is for our descendants.
- III. God sees all the evil of all.
 - A. Our capacity for evil is huge.
 - B. All are under God's jurisdiction.
- IV. God is more merciful than we imagine.
 - A. He calls all to repent.
 - B. He gives triumphant mercy.
 - C. His mercy is always just.

Answer: We are bad guys, but Christ offers us triumphant mercy.

1 Kings 21.17-29

¹⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ¹⁸ “Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. ¹⁹ And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Have you killed and also taken possession?”’ And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: “In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.”’” ²⁰ Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD. ²¹ Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. ²² And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the anger to which you have provoked me, and because you have made Israel to sin. ²³ And of Jezebel the LORD also said, ‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the walls of Jezreel.’ ²⁴ Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat.”

²⁵ (There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. ²⁶ He acted very abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the people of Israel.)

²⁷ And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. ²⁸ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ²⁹ “Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son’s days I will bring the disaster upon his house.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Christian Education

Sunday School classes for all ages will begin at 9 a.m. next Sunday, September 11. Our Fall Bible Studies will also begin this month. Please see the bulletin inserts for all the information!

PPC Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff Dinner

All PPC women are invited to join us for our Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff Dinner this Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. We will enjoy dinner and fellowship, and also hear from Thrive Women's Clinic about their work as well as opportunities to volunteer. Please email Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com to RSVP.

WOW (Women of Wisdom) September Fellowship

Please join us for dinner on Thursday, September 29 at Flower Child (5959 Royal Lane, at Preston and Royal). RSVP to Margie McCabe at 469.964.8512. All ladies 60ish and up are invited to attend.

Weekly Update

If you would like to receive our weekly email that includes announcements, information about Bible studies, and details about upcoming events, please email office@providencedallas.com. We would be happy to include you!

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