

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JULY 30, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 24.3-4; Psalm 27.4

Minister: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

All: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Rejoice, the Lord is King | No. 310
Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love,
When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Romans 12:2; 1 John 2.15; 1 John 5.19; Philippians 3.20

Minister: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

All: We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
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

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

from James 4.4; 1 John 2.16; Romans 3.23; Psalm 51.10

Minister: You spiritually unfaithful people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

All: Heavenly Father, we know the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from You, but are from this world. This morning, we humbly confess that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. All too frequently, we have loved the world more than we loved You. Holy Spirit of the Living God, create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4.15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING* Revelation 18.1-8

¹ After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. ² And he called out with a mighty voice,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
She has become a dwelling place for demons,
a haunt for every unclean spirit,
a haunt for every unclean bird,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

³ For all nations have drunk
the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,
and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her,
and the merchants of the earth have grown rich
from the power of her luxurious living.”

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

“Come out of her, my people,
lest you take part in her sins,
lest you share in her plagues;
⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven,
and God has remembered her iniquities.

⁶ Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,
and repay her double for her deeds;
mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

⁷ As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,
so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,
since in her heart she says,
‘I sit as a queen,

I am no widow,
and mourning I shall never see.’

⁸ For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,
death and mourning and famine,
and she will be burned up with fire;
for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

SERMON

Called Out: Living Distinctly in a Fallen World

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

He Will Hold Me Fast

Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (Cont.)

*Chorus: He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *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

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place | No. 469
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

ST. COLUMBA

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

During the bread, Instrumental.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Be Thou My Vision | No. 642

SLANE

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son.
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION*

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

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fall Kick-off Dinner

Please save the date for our PPC Women's Fall Kick-off dinner! We will gather on Sunday night, August 27, 5:30 - 7 p.m. to enjoy dinner and fellowship, and to hear from our sisters in ministry: Jenny, Blanca and Gaby, who are serving at our sister church, Senda de Gracia in La Paz, Mexico. It will be a wonderful way to kick off the fall; and to encourage them as they encourage us in loving one another, reaching others for Christ, and glorifying the Lord with our lives as we serve.

Celebration of Birth

We rejoice with Valerie and Andrew Craig, along with big brother Jackson, as they welcome Paisley Drew, born on July 20!

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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