

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

AUGUST 6, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 150.1, 2, 6

Minister: "Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!"

All: "Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Hallelujah!"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | No. 457

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 145.3; Psalm 118.14; Psalm 126.3, & John 3.16

Minister: Christian, why is it appropriate for us to praise the Lord in worship?

All: "We praise the Lord for in the Old Testament it is declared, 'Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom'. As the psalmist proclaimed, 'The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation'. And because 'The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy'. In the fullness of time, this same Lord gave us Jesus, for 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' "

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

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How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing "Hallelujah!"
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their friend and king: Christ, Christ, He is risen!

Refrain: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorist' and all the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!"

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing "Hallelujah!"
Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting!

Refrain

The power that raised Him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save;
He frees our hearts to live His grace - go, tell of His goodness.

Refrain, Repeat Refrain

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 106:21; Psalm 51:4; Isaiah 53:5

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

All: Heavenly Father, just like sheep, we've often strayed from Your path, choosing our own sinful desires over Your will. In our actions and words, we've neglected to acknowledge Your unfailing love and mercy. We've held back our praise, forgetting the wonders You've performed and the promises You've given. Yet, in Jesus, we're reminded of Your grace. He bore the full weight and penalty for our sins, and by His sacrifice, offers us redemption. In Him, we find the hope and strength to turn back to You, seeking Your forgiveness and aiming to live lives full of praise. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

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 19.1-8

¹ After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
² for true and just are his judgments.
He has condemned the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.
He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!
The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

“Amen, Hallelujah!”

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
both great and small!”

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

SERMON

Join the Chorus

Rev. Dave Clelland

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

See the Destined Day Arise

Merker

See the destined day arise! See a willing sacrifice!
Jesus, to redeem our loss, hangs upon the shameful cross.
Jesus, who but You could bear wrath so great and justice fair?
Every pang and bitter throe, finishing Your life of woe!

HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

*Chorus: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lamb of God for sinners slain!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ, we praise Your name!*

Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
And with tender body bear thorns and nails and piercing spear?
Slain for us, the water flowed, mingled from Your side with blood;
Sign to all attesting eyes of the finished sacrifice. *Chorus*

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Holy Jesus, grant us grace in that sacrifice to place
All our trust for life renewed, pardoned sin, and promised good.
Grant us grace to sing Your praise 'round Your throne through endless days,
Ever with the sons of light: "blessing, honor, glory, might!" *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

Jesus, Strong and Kind

CityAlight

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy; I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to Him.

*Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful; He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus - Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to Him. *Chorus*

Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me. *Chorus*

*During the bread
Instrumental*

CLOSING HYMN*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Chorus*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus*

BENEDICTION*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

SERMON OUTLINE

Lead Question: What is the first thing you will do when you get to Heaven?

I. Hallelujah! Babylon is gone. Judged, avenged and destroyed.

II. Hallelujah! The Lord our God will reign. With salvation, power, glory and justice.

III. Hallelujah! For our wedding is coming. With readiness and for celebration.

IV. Hallelujah! For Christ is coming in power and glory.

V. Hallelujah! Christ will have total victory.

VI. Hallelujah! We are invited to join the chorus.

Answer: We'll join the chorus.

Revelation 19.9-21

⁹ Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small."

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. ²⁰ But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Birth

We rejoice with Nancy and Sam Bradshaw, along with big sister Brooke, and big brother Sam, as they welcome their son and brother, Graham Jefferson, born on July 27!

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.

Special Announcement for Families with Young Children

We love our young families, and we praise God for each and every family that He has brought to our church. We are also so thankful for all of the children in our congregation. Each one of them is dearly loved, deeply valued and warmly welcomed at PPC on Sunday mornings. Lord's Day Worship is the best part of our week as God's people, and we want for everyone who attends to be able to hear clearly and reflect upon God's Word preached each Sunday morning. If your children struggle to stay quiet during the service, we would love for you to please consider one of the two options that we have for families with young children. We have childcare available each week for infants through preschoolers. Each classroom is staffed with childcare workers and/or PPC members who will take wonderful care of your children as well as provide a great Bible lesson and fun activities for them. We also have an overflow room (Room #136 is close to the sanctuary and is in the same hallway as the church offices.) which is fully equipped with a streaming television and volume control that allows for the service to be seen and heard perfectly. We strongly and lovingly encourage you to take advantage of these options as a way to graciously allow all of our congregation to enjoy and fully engage in our worship service. We sincerely thank you for your understanding and for thoughtfully considering this request.

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