

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

MARCH 10, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Matthew 11.28-30

Minister: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.

All: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | No. 53**

LOBE DEN HERREN

Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Gladly forever adore him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Psalm 139

Minister: Christian, to what extent does God know His people?

All: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise. You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down. You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are marvelous, I know that full well. Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them. They outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Boswell, Papa

Stanzas 1-3

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
In the fury of the storm,
When the winds of doubt blow through me,
And my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
When my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor,
It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
While the tempest rages on,
When temptation claims the battle,
And it seems the night has won.
Deeper still then goes the anchor,
Though I justly stand accused,
I will hold fast to the anchor,
It shall never be removed.

SONG OF PRAISE (CONT.)

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
Through the floods of unbelief,
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now,
Lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance,
See his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor,
It will never be removed.

Christ the shore of our salvation,
Ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the anchor,
It shall never be removed.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge before you that we have grievously sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, impatience, anger, pride, envy, and other sinful affections. By your Spirit, help us to sincerely repent of these things, knowing that you are a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. Forgive us for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Obadiah Andrew Williamson
Elijah James Williamson
Gideon Peter Williamson*

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*

Luke 22.1-6

¹ Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present. (NIV)

SERMON

Judas' Betrayal

Rev. Robby Rucker

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Before the Throne of God

Bancroft, Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

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

There Is A Redeemer

MELODY GREEN

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

*Chorus: Thank you oh my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit, 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, oh, for sinners slain. *Chorus*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Chorus*

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one. *Chorus*

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* | No. 521**
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace,
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be
with you all now and forever.