

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

APRIL 14, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\* *from Psalm 84*

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**All:** Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young -- a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house. They are ever praising you. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* | No. 296

CORONATION

*Stanzas 1, 3, and 6*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*a responsive reading from John 20.24-29*

Minister: Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

**All:** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Minister: Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

**All:** Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Jesus, I Come*

SLEEPER THOMPSON

*Stanzas 1, 2 and 4*

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

## SONG OF PRAISE (CONT.)

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Our gracious Heavenly Father, we are grateful for Your mercy, which surpasses the heavens, extends beyond our wanderings, and runs deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our frequent indifference towards Your kingdom, our envy of those who possess more than we do, and our resistance to Your wise and gracious providence. Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, transform our hearts so that we might seek what is good, love what You love, and follow Your commands, all through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

## 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\*

**Acts 1.1-11**

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

SERMON

**The Beginning of the End**

*Rev. David Rea*

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

***Holy Spirit***

*Getty, Townend*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your word to come alive in me,  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth,  
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

## 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*

***I Will Glory in My Redeemer***

Cooke

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death,  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.  
My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another,  
I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer,  
His faithfulness, my standing place,  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness,  
His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN\*

*Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord* | No. 292

ENGELBERG

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 5*

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
To search the mystery in heaven stored,  
The knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,  
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,  
Can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
The King of glory, whose own blood outpoured  
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

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.