

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

JUNE 2, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 34.1-5*

Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**All: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

HYMN\*

***O Worship the King | No. 2***

LYONS

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 5*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail,  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

**All:** That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that not even a hair can fall from my head without the will of my heavenly Father; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *The King in All His Beauty*

*Papa, Boswell*

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal.  
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple.  
As symphonies of angels' praise now strain to sound His glory.  
Come worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain: How worthy, how worthy,  
How worthy, the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown,  
One made of shame and splinters.  
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.  
As earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury.  
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain*

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.  
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever.  
Bring praise and honor to His courts. Bring wisdom, power, blessing.  
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

*Refrain*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, we thank You for the wisdom by which You made this world and order all nature and history according to Your holy will. You guide our lives with this wisdom, bringing the right mix of joys and sorrows, trials and blessings, to shape us into the image of Your beloved Son. Lord, we confess that we lack wisdom. We often grumble and complain instead of recognizing, and trusting in, Your fatherly wisdom. Forgive us and help us to trust You more each day. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

## 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 8.1-8, 14-17**

<sup>1</sup> And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup> Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

<sup>4</sup> Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. <sup>6</sup> And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. <sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was much joy in that city.

SCRIPTURE READING\* (CONT.)

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

SERMON

Even the Samaritans

Rev. Chris Bennett

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Getty, Papa

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain: O sing Hallelujah!*  
*Our hope springs eternal;*  
*O sing Hallelujah!*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*Refrain*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*Refrain*

## 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*

### **Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

*Boswell, Papa*

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

*During the bread (cont.)*

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**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*

**CLOSING HYMN\* (CONT.)**

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\***

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.