

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

JUNE 16, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from 1 Chronicles 16.8-10

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

All: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

Rejoice, the Lord is King | No. 310

DARWALL

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

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 Ezekiel 36.25-26

Minister: How does God promise to cleanse and transform the hearts of all those who trust in Him?

All: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone, and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

SONG OF PRAISE

Across the Lands

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You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

*Chorus: You're the Author of creation. You're the Lord of ev'ry man.
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea,
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

Chorus

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Valley of Vision

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

All: Heavenly Father, you are good and holy, but we are broken and blinded by sin. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways are resistant to change. We bring our souls to you; break them, wound them, bend them, mold them. Unmask the ugliness of sin so that we may hate it and flee from it by your grace. Help us to see the danger of straying from you. Give us a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet trusts and loves, so that we see the glory of salvation through the cross of Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Paisley Drew Craig

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 11.1-18

¹ The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

SCRIPTURE READING* (CONT.)

⁸ “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’

¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.” (NIV)

SERMON

Hearts Made Clean

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

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

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

Ancient of Days

CityAlight

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all,
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*Chorus: None above Him, none before Him,
All of time in His hands,
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

During the bread (cont.)

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O His love is sure and He knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King,
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | No. 164

AZMON

Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

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.