

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

JUNE 23, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Matthew 11.28-29*

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\*

*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 Jeremiah 29.10-14

Minister: What is the Lord's promise to those who seek Him with all their heart?

**All:** When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and you will find me when you seek me with all your heart.

SONG OF PRAISE

*Come, People of the Risen King*

Getty, Townend

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and  
Those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

*Chorus*

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age, 'Our God is all in all'.

*Chorus*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your graciousness and thank You for Your everlasting promise to work all things for our good and Your own glory. Yet we are a people who often struggle with malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. In our minds, we frequently rehearse the sins and weaknesses of others as we attempt to justify ourselves in self-righteousness. Father, forgive us. We thank You for the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all sin. Holy Spirit of the living God, make Christ appear excellent and beautiful to us in our worship, our work, and our daily lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 32:5*

I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide. I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord. And You did forgive the guilt of my sin."

## 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 13.36-49**

<sup>36</sup> "Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. <sup>37</sup> But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

<sup>38</sup> "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup> Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup> Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

<sup>41</sup> " 'Look, you scoffers,  
wonder and perish,  
for I am going to do something in your days  
that you would never believe,  
even if someone told you.' "

SCRIPTURE READING\* (CONT.)

<sup>42</sup> As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. <sup>43</sup> When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

<sup>44</sup> On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup> When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

<sup>46</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

<sup>48</sup> When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

<sup>49</sup> The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

SERMON

**Appointed for Life**

*Rev. David Rea*

HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

***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.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

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.

## 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 Is Mine***

*Merker, Kauflin, and Getty*

Fade, fade, each earthly joy, Jesus is mine.  
Stronger than fleeting hopes, Jesus is mine.  
Dark is the wilderness, earth has no resting place.  
Jesus alone can bless, Jesus is mine.  
In days of fragile peace, Jesus is mine.  
Through tearful nights of grief, Jesus is mine.  
His voice commands the storm, his presence stills my soul.  
He will sustain my hope, Jesus is mine.

*Refrain: Jesus is mine, Jesus is mine,  
When all else fails, He still remains, Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day, Jesus is mine,  
Before his radiant face, Jesus is mine.  
Safe in his arms I'll cling, praising my Savior King,  
Forevermore I'll sing: "Jesus is mine." *Refrain*

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***All Praise to Christ***

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine,  
Yielding his glory in his love's design,  
That in our darkened hearts his grace might shine: Alleluia!

Christ came to us in lowliness of thought,  
By him the outcast and the poor were sought,  
And by his death was our redemption bought: Alleluia!

And so we see in God's great purpose how  
Christ has been raised above all creatures now,  
And at his name shall every nation bow: Alleluia!

**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.