

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

JULY 7, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*adapted from Psalm 99*

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name for you are holy.

All: The King is mighty, he loves justice – you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool for he is holy.

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

*adapted from Ephesians 1.20-23*

Minister: Christian, how can we have confidence in the midst of trials and uncertainty?

**All:** God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

SONG OF PRAISE

***Only a Holy God***

*CityAlight*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

*Chorus: Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy,  
Forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God. *Chorus*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God. *Chorus*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

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

**All:** O God, if you kept a record of our sins and held us accountable for them, who could stand? We frequently do the things you have forbidden and often fail to do the things you commanded. Father, forgive us, for we are a wayward and disobedient people. Help our hearts to be thankful and transformed by your steadfast love and redemption. Fill us with deep and lasting gratitude for our perfect redemption in Christ. Help us look forward, more and more, to The Day when you will come again and make all things new. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 5:1*

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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 16:16-40**

<sup>16</sup> As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. <sup>20</sup> And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. <sup>21</sup> They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. <sup>23</sup> And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. <sup>24</sup> Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

**SCRIPTURE READING\* (CONT.)**

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, <sup>26</sup> and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

<sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

<sup>35</sup> But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." <sup>36</sup> And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace." <sup>37</sup> But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out." <sup>38</sup> The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens. <sup>39</sup> So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup> So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

**SERMON**

**Imprisoned in Philippi**

*Rev. Nate Libby*

**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.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

*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*

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*

**Christ Is Mine Forevermore**

*CityAlight*

Mine are days that God has numbered,  
I was made to walk with Him.  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,  
Though I fall, His love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing.  
I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,  
darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel  
where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
and the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted.  
Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,  
Pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter,  
Harm and hatred for His name.  
But mine is armour for this battle,  
Strong enough to last the war.  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk,  
For there my heart has found its treasure.  
Christ is mine forevermore.

*During the cup*

*Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** | No. 295  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me,  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**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.