

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

AUGUST 11, 2024

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 63.1-3*

Minister: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**All:** So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will bring you praise.

## 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

*The Apostles Creed*

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church\*,  
the communion of saints,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*meaning the universal Christian church – all believers in Jesus Christ.

## 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**

*Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*

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

**All: Heavenly Father, forgive us for the way that we have neglected and misused the good gifts that you have given us. We have valued comfort and ease over pursuing you and your kingdom. We have served you with sinful attitudes, resenting the call to put the needs of others before our own. Whether we have worked hard or been lazy, our eyes have been fixed primarily on ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to love you and love others more than we love ourselves, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. In his matchless 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.

## **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 20:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. <sup>2</sup> When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. <sup>3</sup> There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. <sup>4</sup> Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. <sup>5</sup> These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, <sup>6</sup> but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. <sup>9</sup> And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. <sup>10</sup> But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." <sup>11</sup> And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.

<sup>12</sup> And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

**SERMON**

**Cherishing the Church**

*Rev. Chris Bennett*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

**O Church, Arise**

*Getty, Townend*

O church, arise, and put your armor on,  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies,  
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\* (CONT.)

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor,  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
An inheritance of nations.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

## 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 to Jesus (Rest in Him)***

*Kauflin, Merker*

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down.  
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.  
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace,  
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

*Chorus: How sure His compassion for us!  
Oh how deep is His love.  
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?  
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.  
He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams,  
Come and follow, freedom calls you: rest in Him.

*Chorus: How sure His compassion for us!  
Oh how deep is His love.  
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.*

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?  
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.  
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed,  
From His kindness, every promise then fulfilled.  
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

*Chorus*

*During the cup  
Instrumental*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***Lift High the Cross* | No. 263**

CRUCIFER

*Stanzas 1, 3, and 5*

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

*Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.

*Refrain*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,  
Creation's praises rise before thy throne.

*Refrain*

**BENEDICTION\***

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you from this time forth and forevermore.