

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

AUGUST 25, 2024

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Jeremiah 29.11-13*

Minister: 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.

**All:** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD.

## 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 Ephesians 2.4-9

Minister: Christian, what has God done for us in His rich mercy and great love?

**All:** Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *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*

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from The Valley of Vision*

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

**All:** Gracious Heavenly Father, you have attributed my sin on my substitute and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, a robe of holiness. But in my daily living, I am still in rags. I have no robe of my own to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness, and by grace alone do I receive a change of clothes. For you justify the ungodly. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the throne in it, and enter heaven in it shining as the sun. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 3:22 and the Heidelberg Catechism Q. 21*

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. Out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, we have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

## 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 27.7-20**

<sup>7</sup> We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. <sup>8</sup> Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

<sup>9</sup> Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, <sup>10</sup> saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." <sup>11</sup> But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. <sup>12</sup> And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.

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

<sup>13</sup> Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. <sup>14</sup> But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. <sup>15</sup> And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. <sup>16</sup> Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. <sup>17</sup> After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. <sup>18</sup> Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. <sup>19</sup> And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. <sup>20</sup> When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

**SERMON**

**Stay on the Ship:  
Trusting God in Life's Storms**

*Rev. David Rea*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

***He Will Hold Me Fast***

*Merker*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*Chorus:*

*He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,  
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

*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*

#### ***From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable***

*Townend*

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith,  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
Came the Savior of the human race!  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,  
Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the Gift of God come down to man  
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
Humble servant in the Father's hands,  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
Filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,  
Joys and sorrows that I know so well,  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—  
I will follow my Immanuel!

*During the bread (cont.)*

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross,  
He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me,  
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell,  
And with a shout our souls set free—  
Death defeated by Immanuel!

Now He's standing in the place of honor,  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
Interceding for His own beloved  
Till His Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell,  
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
Giving glory to Immanuel!

*During the cup*  
*Instrumental*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## CLOSING HYMN\*

***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | No. 521***  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness,  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Chorus: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

## CLOSING HYMN\* (CONT.)

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace,  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

*Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

*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.

### Acts 27.21-32

<sup>21</sup> Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. <sup>22</sup> Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, <sup>24</sup> and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' <sup>25</sup> So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. <sup>26</sup> But we must run aground on some island."

<sup>27</sup> When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. <sup>28</sup> So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. <sup>29</sup> And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. <sup>30</sup> And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, <sup>31</sup> Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." <sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.