

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

AUGUST 4, 2024

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 95.1-2, Psalm 100.5*

Minister: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION\*

## HYMN\*

*All Creatures of Our God and King | No. 115*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Stanzas 1, 4, and 5*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*from Philippians 4:11-13*

Minister: What is the secret of contentment in the Christian life?

**All:** I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*The Risen Christ (O Breath of God)*

RISEN CHRIST

O breath of God, come fill this place.  
Revive our hearts to know Your grace,  
And from our slumber make us rise  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O word of God, so clear and true,  
Renew our minds to trust in You,  
And give to us the bread of life  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,  
Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit make us one.  
In holiness, let us unite  
That we may know the Risen Christ.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and to humbly confess to you our practical and functional unbelief. While we know and believe that Jesus died for us on the cross, and that he was raised for us from the dead, we admit that it often makes too little difference in our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us to more fully embrace the truth of the gospel: that our love for you may flourish, that our obedience may be wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more courageous. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 8:1-2*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

## 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 18.1-11**

<sup>1</sup> After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup> and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup> And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

<sup>7</sup> And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” <sup>11</sup> And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

**SERMON**

**God’s Hidden People:  
Encouragement for the Church**

*Rev. David Rea*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

***Jesus, Strong and Kind***

*CityAlight*

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

*Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful,  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus - Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.

*Chorus*

Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me.  
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

*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***

#### ***Fairest Lord Jesus | No. 170***

CRUSADER'S HYMN

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.

### ***During the cup***

*Instrumental*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**CLOSING HYMN\***

***And Can It Be That I Should Gain* | No. 455**

SAGINA

*Stanzas 1, 3 and 4*

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God shouldst die for me?

*Chorus:*  
*Amazing love! How can it be,*  
*That thou my God shouldst die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above -  
So free, so infinite his grace!  
Humbled himself, so great his love,  
And bled for all his chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.   *Chorus*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.   *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.