

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Romans 11.33, 36; Revelation 7.12

Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. And to Him be the glory forever.

All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

I Sing the Almighty Power of God | No. 119

FOREST GREEN

Stanzas 1-3

I sing th' almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food,
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care.
And everywhere that man can be, you, God art present there.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from 1 Peter 1.3-4, 6-8

Minister: Beloved in Christ, how has God shown us His great mercy and love?

All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us. In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, we have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of our faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though we have not seen Him, we love Him. Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me,
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

SONG OF PRAISE (CONT.)

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth,
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

from The Valley of Vision

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

All: When you would guide me, I control myself. When you would be sovereign, I rule myself. When you would take care of me, I suffice myself. When I should depend on your providence, I supply myself. When I should submit to your guidance, I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor, and trust you, I serve myself. Convince me that I cannot be my own god or make myself happy. I cannot be my own savior to restore my joy, nor my own spirit to teach, guide, and rule me. Good Lord, hear my prayer, and forgive me of my sins for the sake of Christ Jesus. In his matchless name, 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 1.6-8

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 28.23-31

²³ They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. ²⁴ Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. ²⁵ They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet: ²⁶ "Go to this people and say, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving." ²⁷ For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' ²⁸ "Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!" ²⁹ ³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ -- with all boldness and without hindrance! (NIV)

SERMON

Full Circle

Rev. Dave Clelland

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Across the Lands

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You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

*Chorus: You're the Author of creation. You're the Lord of ev'ry man.
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE* (CONT.)

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea,
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

*Chorus: You're the Author of creation. You're the Lord of ev'ry man.
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

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

It Was Finished Upon that Cross

CityAlight

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished, He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost.
Christ had triumphed over evil, it was finished upon that cross.

During the bread (cont.)

Now the curse, it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father; clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry, it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen, it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory, it was finished upon that cross.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

***Amazing Grace* | No. 460**

AMAZING GRACE

Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 6

Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

BENEDICTION*

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

SERMON OUTLINE

Lead question: Since God's salvation has been sent to us, what are we to do with it?

I. Hear it!

II. Believe it!

III. Turn to it!

IV. Be healed by it!

V. Send it!

Answer: We are to continue to send it until it comes full circle!