

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 27, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Psalm 40.1-6

Minister: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the mud and mire, and he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

All: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust. Many, O my God, are the wonders you have done. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If I tried to recite all of your wonderful deeds, I would never come to an end of them!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above | No. 4

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5 (alt)

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

We, who confess Christ's holy name, to God give thanks and glory!
We, who the Father's power proclaim, to God give thanks and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Psalm 24

Minister: Christian, who can approach the Lord and stand before Him with clean hands and a pure heart?

All: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? Who can stand in His holy place? Only those with clean hands and a pure heart, who do not lift their souls to what is false or swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation. This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Getty, Townend

The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand and held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His,
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways, that mark the path of righteousness,
His word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above, to pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace,
So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in your perfect way."

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we frequently love the things of this world more than we love You. Our minds harbor sinful thoughts, and our words often reflect this sinfulness. Our hearts cling to the transient - things that rust, break, and decay - rather than to Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Father, grow and sanctify us by your Spirit and give us the strength, will, and desire to obey and trust you from the heart. 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*

Zechariah 7.1-14

¹ In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev. ² Now the people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and their men to entreat the favor of the LORD, ³ saying to the priests of the house of the LORD of hosts and the prophets, "Should I weep and abstain in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?"

⁴ Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me: ⁵ "Say to all the people of the land and the priests, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted? ⁶ And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? ⁷ Were not these the words that the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?"

⁸ And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, ⁹ "Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, ¹⁰ do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

¹¹ But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. ¹² They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.

¹³ "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the LORD of hosts, ¹⁴ "and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate."

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

Lamb of God

T. Paris

Your only Son no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King, they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Chorus: Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*

I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side,
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord | No. 292

ENGELBERG

Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
To search the mystery in heaven stored,
The knowledge of the Holy One adored? Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
Can enter in that glory to endure. Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
The King of glory, whose own blood outpoured
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford. Alleluia!

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.