PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 6, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP* from Psalm 67.1-5

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. That your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

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!

Minister: What is the good news of Christ's coming for all who believe?

All: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Before the Throne of God

Bancroft, Cook

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free. For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

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.

COMMUNICANT VOWS

Audrey Averitt Henry Hansen
Elizabeth Cantu Mads Hansen
Annie Edwards Viola Knight
Mason Friend Jackson Kunkel

Becca George

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 4.1-14

¹ And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. ² And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." ⁴ And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ⁶ Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹ "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰ For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

"These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth." ¹¹ Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" ¹² And a second time I answered and said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?" ¹³ He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ¹⁴ Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

SERMON Vision of the Menorah Dr. John Currid

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Cooke

I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has ransomed me. Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails And hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death, My only Savior before the Holy Judge, The Lamb who is my righteousness, The Lamb who is my righteousness. I will glory in my Redeemer.

My life He bought, my love He owns.

I have no longings for another,

I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place, Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, My feet are firm, held by His grace, My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagle's wings. He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.

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?

CLOSING HYMN* (CONT.)

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.