

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

AUGUST 24, 2025

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Philippians 2.8-11*

Minister: And being found in appearance as a man, Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

**All: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## 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 the Heidelberg, Belgic, and Westminster Confessions of Faith*

Minister: How can sinners be made right with God?

**All:** We believe that we are made right with God only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Though our consciences accuse us of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having perfectly kept any of them, and though we are still inclined toward all evil, yet God, without any merit of our own, out of mere grace, grants and credits to us the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.

We do not rely on anything we have done, but rest in Jesus alone, who was made sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. His righteousness is ours by faith alone, and in Him we are accepted and declared righteous before God.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

INDELIBLE GRACE

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine oceans depths its flow  
May richer fuller be.

O light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from Valley of Vision*

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

**All:** Heavenly Father, every part of my mind, will, and emotions is a snare to me. I can scarcely open my eyes before I begin to envy those above me, or despise those below.

**Am I beautiful or handsome? What fuel for pride!**

**Am I unattractive? What an occasion for complaint!**

**Am I gifted? How I long for applause!**

**Am I lacking in education or accomplishment? How I despise what I do not have!**

**Am I in authority? How often I abuse my trust and serve my own interests!**

**Am I rich? How exalted I become!**

Dear Lord, you know that all these are snares, and that my greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my sinfulness, but never let me forget my union with Christ, or the grace that can deal with every sin. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7*

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.*

### OFFERINGS

*Online giving is available at any time at [providencedallas.givingfire.com](http://providencedallas.givingfire.com) or using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also place offerings in the white boxes on the lobby tables before or after the service.*

**SCRIPTURE READING\******Romans 7.6-25***

<sup>6</sup> But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup> What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. <sup>9</sup> Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. <sup>10</sup> I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. <sup>12</sup> So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do-- this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. (NIV)

**SERMON****Rowing Upstream***Rev. David Rea*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

CityAlight

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## 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*

### ***The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want***

BROTHER JAMES AIRE

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie.  
In pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake,  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill.  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishéd in presence of my foes.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.  
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.  
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

*During the cup  
Instrumental*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### CLOSING HYMN\*

#### *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.

### BENEDICTION\*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.