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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

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## The Diaspora Gather in God's Name

Welcome.  
We are glad  
you have chosen  
to gather and  
worship!  
Go to  
[www.provpres.org](http://www.provpres.org)  
to join us for a live  
broadcast starting  
at 11:00 am.

### Welcome

**Tolling of the Bell** - Rung three time to symbolize our Triune God

### Call to Worship

There are times in our lives when following Christ seems almost too difficult.

**Yet he has promised to be with us, guiding and supporting us.**

Our fears and doubts crowd out his call.

**Lord, come to us and lead us, for we are weak and fearful.**

Lord, take our hands and walk with us.

**Bring the brightness of your love to us.**

Help us see your face, O Lord.

**For we are ready to receive your healing love.**

### Opening Song

*"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

Susan Ayers

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?*

*Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,*

*When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he;*

*His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;*

*His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*(Refrain) I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*The Affirmation of  
Faith helps us  
express the faith  
and hope we  
have as people of  
God.*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*We confess  
our sins as the  
people of God  
together, out  
loud, and to  
others  
because of the  
incredible  
power there is  
in putting our  
failures and  
faults in the  
light of God's  
love.*

**Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, be with us today. We have come from times of stress and difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer us your healing mercies. We confess that we've let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions. Yet when we come to this hour, we kneel in contrition, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us see the many ways you bless us and care for us. Help us be people who reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Words of Assurance**

### **Time with Young Disciples**

*We Hear God's Word*

### **Scripture Reading**

John 14:1-14

### **Sermon**

"I am the way, the truth, and the life"

*We Give Thanks to God*

*A time to offer  
prayer for others  
and ourselves to  
God.*

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*We Go in Christ's Name to Serve*

### **Benediction**

*Today's closing  
music has been  
pre-recorded and  
may be found on  
the church's  
website.*

### **Closing Music**

*"Set Me As a Seal" - John Dixon*

*"If with All Your Hearts" - from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah**

*(Dudley Crosland, tenor)*

*please see online  
instruction below*

*Have a blessed week!*

### **Online instruction for Worship**

1. Go to [provpres.org/worship](http://provpres.org/worship)
2. The top green buttons are the bulletin, sermon notes, and bulletin for the kids.
3. Scroll down until you see all the music selections