

July 26, 2020



## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

# 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.

### Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

Gaelic melody

*Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the  
Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet  
pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!*

### Welcome

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

### Call to Worship

Waiting is never easy for us.

**We are a culture of "instant" response.**

Today, God is asking us to wait; to be patient.

**It is not going to be easy for us to do that.**

Quiet your spirits and open your hearts to God's Word for you today.

**Lord, be with us. Help us to be ready to hear and respond to your Word. Amen.**

## Opening Song

*"Seek Ye First"*  
(Ashley Veraque)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

*You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!*

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

## Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

*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.*

## Prayer of Confession

**Diligent Lord, who watches over us at all times, be with us all these days. We confess that we have allowed a host of worries and frustrations to crowd out your Word for us. As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful disciples. Gently visit us again with your healing powers. Restore our hope and courage and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in the name of the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

## Time with Young Disciples

# We Hear God's Word

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-35

## Sermon

"Sourdough Spirituality"

# 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

### Benediction Response

*"May The Lord"*

John S. Dixon

(sung by members of the Chancel Choir; video produced by Robie Armbruster)

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

## Postlude

Postlude on *"Adeste Fidelis"*

*Please see online  
instruction below*

### **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 pre-recorded Music from our Sanctuary.

*Have a blessed week!*