

August 9, 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
to join us for a live
broadcast starting
at 11:00 am.

Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

F.S. Pierpoint, 1864

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance! All are part of the richness of God's mercy and love for us!

God has blessed us in so many ways!

Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!

Thank you. We are glad to be here!

Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love

**Bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of life, for we ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Opening Song

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
(Sarah and Jonathan Hyslop)

Merman/Allen

*Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.
I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain all are past.
I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land;
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free.
For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou has planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.*

*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

Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. We are like the disciples who, in the midst of fears and storms, could only tremble and wonder about the threatening events. Even when Jesus called to the disciples, they shook with fear. But Jesus offered words of encouragement. Impulsive Peter asked Jesus to call to him and bid him come out of the boat. Jesus complied and Peter stepped over the edge onto the waves — but fear claimed him again and he began to sink. Many of us can identify with that moment when we let go of our faith and clutch onto our fears. Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us. You will guide and lift us to safety — that is the promise you have given to us and we believe it. When our faith slips, scoop us up and bring us peace. Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you. Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Time with Young Disciples

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

"Jedi Christians"

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)

Postlude

"Rondo Benvenuto"

John S. Dixon

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

*Please see online
instruction below*

Pre-recorded Duets

"Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah"

arr. J. Shafferman

"I Love You, Lord" Laurie Klein, arr. Lloyd Larson
(Robin Birdwell and Dudley Crosland)

Online instruction for Worship

Have a blessed week!

1. Go to 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.