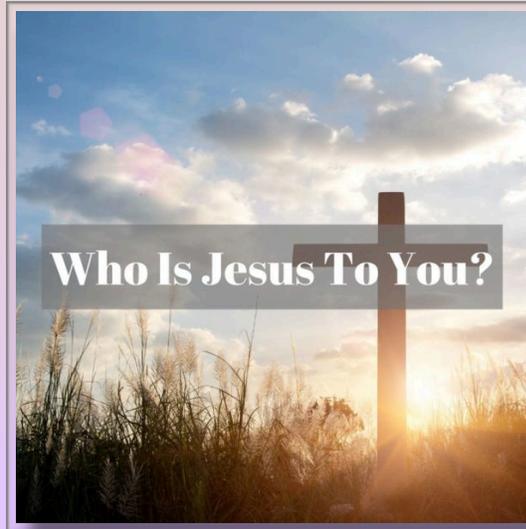


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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

## 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

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

text: W. Williams, 1762  
music: John Huges, 1907

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength  
and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.*

### Welcome

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

### Call to Worship

Life can sometimes be very difficult.

**We look around and wonder where God is.**

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

**God surrounds us with love and courage.**

Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

**Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence. Amen.**

## Opening Song

*"Come to Jesus"*  
(Savannah Fellenbaum)

Chris Rice

*Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die; O raise your head, for Love is passing by,  
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!*

*Now your burden's lifted and carried far away, and precious blood has washed away the  
stain.*

*So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!*

*Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl, and remember when you walk, sometimes  
you fall.*

*So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!*

*Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain, so if your sky is dark and pours  
like rain,*

*Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!*

*And when the love spills over, and music fills the night, and when you can't contain your joy  
inside,*

*Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!*

*And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye, then go in peace, and laugh on  
Glory's side,*

*And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!*

*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

**There are far too many times, Lord, when we have neglected the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. With the gifts that we have been given by you, direct our lives to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray and offer these silent confessions...**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

## Time with Young Disciples

# We Hear God's Word

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

## Sermon

"Who's on First"

# 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

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

### Pre-recorded Solo

*"How Great Thou Art"* arr. for piano solo by Mark Hayes  
(Valetta Fellenbaum)

*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!*