

May 9, 2021



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

"This Is My Father's World "

Text: M. Babcock 1901
Music: F. Sheppard, 1915

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

Invocation

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

Call To Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!
Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!
God has remembered God's faithful ones.
God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!
Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!
Rejoice, for God is truly with us. Amen.

One of the most beloved pieces from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*, the text is based on Deuteronomy 4:29 and Job 23:3.

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

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.

(11 am only)

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

Opening Song

"If with All Your Hearts" Felix Mendelssohn(1809-1847)
(Dudley Crosland)

*If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me."
Thus saith our God.*

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

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.

Prayer of Confession

This is such a wonderful season, Lord. Hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we are refreshed and made new by life with Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called us to go and minister to those who need to hear of your love and feel your presence. You call us to be Christ's disciples, to be witnesses to his resurrection. We've heard those words before but often turn our backs to the message. We don't believe that we're capable of living our whole lives in your love. So we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others, pampering ourselves rather than helping others. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. Heal us of our sins, and place us again on the paths of peace. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, as we share our private confessions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Time with Young Disciples

Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Sermon

"God's Surprises"

We Give Thanks 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.**

WOMEN OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

Hymn 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

James K. Manley (1975)

We Go in Christ's Name to Serve

Benediction

Benediction Response

"May The Lord"

John S. Dixon

*May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and keep you forever*

Postlude

"Postlude on Holy Manna"

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 Music

"This Is My Father's World"

arr. John S. Dixon

"Postlude on Holy Manna"

by John S. Dixon

Online instruction for Worship

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.

Have a blessed week!