

November 15, 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**

*"This Is My Father's World"*

Text by M. Babcock, 1901  
Music by 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 times to symbolize our Triune God

**Call to Worship**

We lift our eyes to the Lord.

**God created the heavens and the earth.**

We raise our voices in songs and speech.

**We raise our voices in prayer and praise.**

Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

**Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace. AMEN.**

## Opening Song

"Consecration"

Text by Frances R. Havergal  
Music by John Ness Beck  
Setting by Craig Courtney

(Dudley Crosland)

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing always, only for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

*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, we confess that we are "pack rats". You shower us with gifts and blessings and we bury them fearing that they might fade away or not be worth much. We use the gifts you give us wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given finding it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver. Jesus reminded us to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world. Forgive us when we treat our Gospel lesson this morning as nothing more than a nice story. Help us to accept the gifts you give us, develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope. We ask these things in Jesus' name, as we offer these silent confessions...**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

(11 am only)

## Time with Young Disciples

# We Hear God's Word

**Scripture Reading**

Mathew 25:14-30

**Sermon**

"What kind of God do you believe in?"

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

# 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.**

# 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**

"Hornpipe in D"

By John S. Dixon

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

**Pre-recorded Music**

"Pastorale on *This Is My Father's World*"

By John S. Dixon

"Hornpipe in D"

By John S. Dixon

*Please see online  
instruction below*

## **Online instruction for Worship**

*Have a blessed week!*

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.