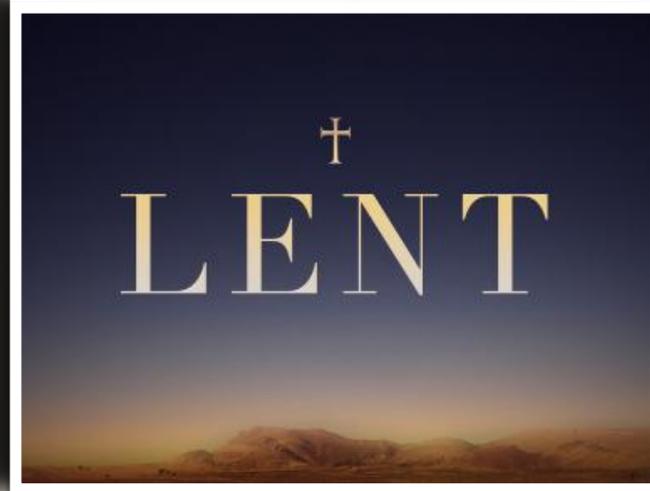


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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

The Diaspora Gather in God's Name

Welcome.
We are glad
you have chosen
to gather and
worship!
Go to
www.provpres.org
to join us for a live
broadcast starting
at 11:00 am.

Prelude

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" Text George Matheson, 1881
Music Albert L. Peace, 1884

*O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.*

Invocation

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

Call To Worship

There are some journeys for which we long.

But the journey to the cross looks difficult.

The way of discipleship is difficult. True.

We'd prefer something easier. We're not sure we're ready for this trip.

Put your hearts at ease. We do not travel alone.

That's good to remember. We're ready to take the first step. Amen.

Opening Song

"This Is My Father's World"

Text by M. D. Babcock (1901)
Music by F. L. Sheppard (1915)

(Susan Ayers)

*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 hand the wonders wrought.*

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

*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

We have to-do lists for all the areas of our lives. We are sometimes so bound by time and duty that we feel imprisoned in them. Now we're challenged by Christ to take a journey of discipleship, and we don't feel ready. We need more time. And we have so much to do. Forgive us, Lord, when we put our agenda ahead of serving you. Reset our priorities so that we will be ready to commit our lives in your service. Help us to be ready when you call and to courageously answer the summons you bring. Let us place our trust in you in all things...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

(11 am only)

Time with Young Disciples

Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

Sermon

"Looking for Rainbows"

