

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021—10:45 a.m.**

Song of Ascent

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer (#650)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Speak, O Lord (Getty)*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 95:1-3,6-7

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

PEOPLE: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**

**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

ALL: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** ..... *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, #53*

**\*INVOCATION**

## **GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession, #5.1,2,7 (Providence of God)

- 1. God—the great Creator of all things—upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least. He exercises this most wise and holy providence according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**
- 2. Although—in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first Cause—all things come to pass unchangeably and infallibly; yet, by the same providence, he orders them to occur according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.**
- 7. As, in general, the providence of God reaches to all creatures, so, in a very special way, it cares for his church and disposes all things for its good.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Proverbs 28:13-14

*"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity."*

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:28-30

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

*"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."*

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Ezra 8:21-23

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul (RUF)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... *From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)*

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| <p><b>1. From the depths of woe I raise to thee,<br/>the voice of lamentation;<br/>Lord, turn a gracious ear to me<br/>and hear my supplication.<br/>If thou iniquities dost mark,<br/>our secret sins and misdeeds dark,<br/>O who shall stand before thee?<br/>O who shall stand before thee?</b></p> <p><b>2. To wash away the crimson stain,<br/>grace, grace alone availeth;<br/>our works, alas! are all in vain;<br/>in much the best life faileth.<br/>No man can glory in thy sight,<br/>all must alike confess thy might,<br/>and live alone by mercy<br/>and live alone by mercy.</b></p> | <p><b>3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,<br/>And not in mine own merit;<br/>On Him my soul shall rest, His word<br/>Upholds my fainting spirit;<br/>His promised mercy is my fort,<br/>My comfort and my sweet support;<br/>I wait for it with patience<br/>I wait for it with patience.</b></p> <p><b>4. What though I wait the live-long night,<br/>And til the dawn appeareth,<br/>My heart still trusteth in His might;<br/>It doubteth not nor feareth;<br/>Do thus, O you of Israel's seed,<br/>You of the Spirit born indeed;<br/>And wait 'til God appeareth<br/>And wait 'til God appeareth.</b></p> |
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5. Though great our sins & sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow  
From all their sin and sorrow

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SERMON

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
"Our Misery, God's Provision"

Rev. David Hina

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....*His Mercy is More*

1. What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing,  
He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea  
without bottom or shore;  
Our sins, they are many,  
His mercy is more.

**CHORUS**

*Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness;  
new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many,  
His mercy is more.*

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2. What patience would wait  
as we constantly roam;  
What Father, so tender,  
is calling us home.  
He welcomes, the weakest,  
the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins, they are many,  
His mercy is more.

**CHORUS**

3. What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment,  
His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford;  
Our sins, they are many,  
His mercy is more.

**CHORUS**

**GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT**

\*BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn.....*Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It, #701, v.1*

**Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,  
His child and forever, I am.**

**Redeemed, redeemed,  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb,  
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy,  
His child and forever, I am**

POSTLUDE

*O Day of Rest and Gladness (RUF)*

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

**Providence APRIL Birthdays**

7 David Hina

15 Jose Cardenas

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