

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REFLECTION

"What Christ asks for His people, His people should ask for themselves."

- J.C. Ryle, "Expository Thoughts on the Gospels," John 17."

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - May 17th, 2020—10:45 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:18-21

LEADER: The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

PEOPLE: **He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.**

LEADER: The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

PEOPLE: **My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *All Creatures of Our God and King, #115*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

LEADER: *People of God, what do you believe?*

ALL: ***We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.***

We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **universal*

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Ephesians 6:11-12

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:6-7

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.”

*SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 12:7-17

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION*Before the Throne*

- 1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

- 2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.**

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SERMON

John 17:6-26
“Praying for the Church”

Rev. David Hina

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *O Church Arise*

- 1. O church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.**
- 2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations**
- 3. Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;
Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.**

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GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn..... *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning, new every morning:
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness!**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Providence MAY Birthdays

6 Eliza Meiners

13 Steve Yount

14 Andrew Carver

23 Jen Carver

24 Jerry Jenkins

30 Corbin Alt