

Providence Presbyterian Church

REFLECTION

"The good the Spirit most desires for us is our transformation into Christ's likeness. ...God knows that when our heart beats in rhythm with his, his greatest joys are ours. We are never richer than when we are emptied of earthly ambitions and fulfilled by Christ's desires. We are never more satisfied than when we are content with his plan for our lives. We know no greater peace than when we are confident his love hedges our lives so that nothing enters except that which makes us more like the Son whom the heavenly Father cherishes. In short, when we have no greater desire than for Jesus to be glorified in us, he grants us the desires of our heart.

- Bryan Chapell, "Praying Backwards," p. 75.

The Celebration of Worship - May 3rd, 2020—10:45 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105:1-4

PASTOR: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

PEOPLE: **We will sing to him, we will sing praises to him;
we will tell of all his wondrous works!**

PASTOR: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

ALL: **Let us seek the Lord and his strength;
let us seek his presence continually!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O Father, You Are Sovereign, #75*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith, 21.3
(Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day)

ALL: **Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all people: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of his Spirit, according to his will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 5:14

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: Oh Lord, Giver of all good things,
We confess that we often seek fulfillment outside of you.
We trust in our own strength to provide for ourselves.
We try to do good under our own power,
We attempt to atone for our own sins.
In all these, we ignore your promised help in the Spirit.
Help us by your Spirit, to recognize our weakness and fall on your mercy.
Grant us forgiveness, we pray.
Amen.**

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:11, 26

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

*SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-19

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION*Be Thou My Vision, #642*

- 1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON

Jude 17-23
"Praying In the Spirit"

Rev. David Hina

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *May the Mind of Christ my Savior, #644*

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

2 Peter 1:10-11; 1 Timothy 1:17

Brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory.

*Closing Hymn #726..... *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

POSTLUDE

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O Father, You Are Sovereign

The LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
 3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
 4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

HOPE

God; his help re - ceiv - ing, I shall yet my Sav - ior praise.
 ho - ly mount as - cend - ing, I with - in thy house a - bide.
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From Psalm 43
The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1961

BLAENHAFREN 8.7.8.7.D.
Traditional Welsh melody

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,
 2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
 3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,
 4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
 5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
 so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
 • that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
 him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
 and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925

ST. LEONARDS 8.7.8.5.
A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925; alt. 1990