

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023—11:00 a.m.**

Song of Ascent

*Facing a Task Unfinished (#521)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*God Who Made the Earth (#133)*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 47:6-48:1

LEADER: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

LEADER: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

PEOPLE: **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

LEADER: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

PEOPLE: **Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE ..... *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul, #57*

\*INVOCATION

## GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

Joel 2:12-13

*"Yet even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.' Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster."*

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:32

*"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"*

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-37

OFFERTORY

*The Sands Of Time Are Sinking (#546)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION .....*Children of the Heavenly Father, #131*

SERMON

Ruth 2:1-24

Rev. David Hina

**"God's Mysterious Providence"**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE .....*Facing a Task Unfinished*

**1. Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known**

**2. Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night**

**CHORUS**

***We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ the Lord***

**3. We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers**

**CHORUS**

**4. O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Savior, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labor for Thy sake**

**CHORUS (2x)**

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**GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT**

\*BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

*“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

\*Closing Hymn..... *Doxology, #731*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (#57)*

## Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2*

D G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

G D G D

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

F G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D 7

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his  
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro -

in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he  
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
 tec - tor nev - er slum - bers; at the will of your De -

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.

5. Though he giveth or he taketh,  
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
 his the loving purpose solely  
 to preserve them pure and holy.

6. More secure is no one ever  
 than the loved ones of the Savior;  
 not yon star on high abiding  
 nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

**Providence SEPTEMBER Birthdays**

2 Finley Burton

17 Geoff Grubb

20 Lee Jarvis

22 Don Fouraker