

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - May 8th, 2022—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

May the Peoples Praise You (Getty)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Father I know That All My Life (#559)

**Please stand if you are able.*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 33

LEADER: The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

PEOPLE: **We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

PEOPLE: **May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *For the Beauty of the Earth, #116*

*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*

CONFESSION OF SIN

James 1:19-22

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away

all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:1b-2

“...But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 59:14-21

OFFERTORY

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place (#468)

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling, #479*

SERMON

Luke 3:7-18

Rev. Paul Meiners

“Behold the King - Living Between Jesus’ Advents”

*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

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..... *Gloria Patri, #735*

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Jas. 1:17

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
 • for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

REFRAIN

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

He calls his own sheep by name. John 10:3

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, pass - ing from
 4. Oh! for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and from me; shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,
 you and for me; though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
 com - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
 par - don for you and for me.

REFRAIN
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ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Providence MAY Birthdays

6 Eliza Meiners
13 Steve Yount
14 David Williams

14 Andrew Carver
21 Lynne Williams
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