

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting

God is good.
All the time.
 And all the time.
God is good.

Call To Worship

When life is wonderful,
you are there, O God.
 When life is unpredictable,
you are there, O God.
 When our hearts are full of joy,
you are there, O God.
 When our hearts are heavy from the cares of the world,
you are there, O God.
 You are here with us, O God,
in our time of worship.
 Let us worship God.

*Hymn #22 God of the Sparrow

1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

*Call to Confession

***Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, you made your covenant with Noah and all the Earth – a promise that you will always keep. We acknowledge that we do not always keep our promises.

It is tempting to take the easy way out, instead of doing the hard work of following you. It is tempting to live in the way of the world, instead of living lives modeled on your steadfast love for all people.

It is tempting to think we have all the answers, instead of trusting in you. Forgive us for the times we give into temptation and turn away from you. Lead us in your way, O God.

Silent prayer**578 Lord, Have Mercy**

1 O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.

2 O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy,
have mercy on us.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
(A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response: Hymn #547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing vs 2**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

THE WORD**Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Genesis 9:8-17**

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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Psalm Response

Psalm 25

John Pearson, cantor

Response: **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Children's Chat

Rev. Clydesdale

Second reading: Mark 1:9-15

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Sermon

Wilderness Experiences

Rev. Ed Clydesdale

***Hymn #53 O God, Who Gives Us Life and Breath**

**1. O God, who gives us life and breath,
 who shapes us in the womb,
 who guards our lives from birth to death,
 then leads us from the tomb:
 deliver us from fears that kill
 the life we have from you.
 Help us to know your Spirit still
 is making all things new.**

**when we despair in wandering
 through wastes of empty lies,
 refresh us with the living spring
 of hope that never dies.**

**2 O God, who calls your people out
 to venture and to dare,
 to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt
 and find you even there:**

**3 O God of covenant and law,
 revealed in cloud and flame,
 your mighty deeds evoke our awe;
 we dare not speak your name.
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you
 and will your people prove,
 as on our hearts you write anew
 the covenant of love.**

***Affirmation of Faith- Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Musical Offering

Wondrous Love

arr. Marie Pooler

John Pearson, solo

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

***Prayer of Dedication/Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

***Hymn #713 Touch the Earth Lightly**

**1. Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**

**2. We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**

**3. Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete**

**4. God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.**

*** Benediction and Congregational Response**

Hymn #305 Come Sing, O Church, In Joy verse 2

**2. Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

Postlude