

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**JULY 15, 2018**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**                      *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*        by Thomas A. Dorsey  
   Judi Gajary, soloist

**Greeting**

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

**Call To Worship**

God has accomplished all things through Christ,  
**so that we might live as God's own children.**  
Let us give thanks to God  
**and live for the praise of God's glory.**

**\*Hymn # 475 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**1. Come, thou Fount of every  
blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**

**3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

**\*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**

**“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.”**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Reading: Psalm 24**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

**Children's Chat**

Rev. Harry Tysen

**Second reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

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**Sermon:**

*What Does It Mean To Be Blessed?*

Rev. Harry Tysen

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn # 711 Lord of All Good

1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will.

2. We give our minds to understand your ways;  
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;  
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,  
till for your glory all our powers combine.

3. Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

### \*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

*I'll Walk With God*  
Judi Gajary, soloist

by Nicholas Brodsky

\*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 OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

### **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 # 839 Blessed Assurance

- 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a fore taste of glory devine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy; whispers of love.

**Refrain:**

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

**Refrain:**

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**\*Benediction and Congregational Response**

**\*Hymn #305, "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" v 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**