

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. William Stickles

Greeting

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

Call To Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
 I called to God: Lord, save my life!
God has delivered my soul from death.
 Let us worship God.

***Hymn #174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom**

**1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
 she who danced when earth was new.
 Follow closely what she teaches,
 for her words are right and true.
 Wisdom clears the path to justice,
 showing us what love must do.**

**2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
 crying in the marketplace.
 Hear the Word made flesh among us,**

**full of glory, truth, and grace.
 When the word takes root and ripens,
 peace and righteousness embrace.**

**3. Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
 nurture all who seek rebirth.
 Spirit-guide and close companion,
 bring to light our sacred worth.
 Free us to become your people,
 holy friends of God and earth.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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 #591 Halle, Halle, Halle!**

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Proverbs 1:20-33**

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

Children's Chat

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

Second reading: Mark 8:27-38

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Sermon*Welcome and Wisdom*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***Hymn #737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**

**1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**2. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
 to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
 For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**4. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
 but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
 And with all of the family you saved by your love,
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

***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

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door
 Chancel Choir

arr. Raymond Wise

*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 Liturgist

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Sending the Church into Mission Rick and others

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 #726 Will You Come and Follow Me?

1. **“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

2. **“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

3. **“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

4. **“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

*Benediction and Congregational Response

**Hymn #399 God Welcomes All
God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.**

Postlude