

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**January 13, 2019**  
**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

*“Raindrop” Prelude, Op.28 No.15*

Frederic Chopin

**Greeting**

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

**Call to Worship**

The voice of God is over the waters;  
**over the mighty waters, God speaks with creative power.**  
 The voice of God breaks the cedars;  
**over the cedars, fire, wilderness, and forest, God speaks with authority.**  
 Enthroned forever, may God bless the people with strength and peace!  
**Bless us with strength and peace.**  
 Let us say, “Glory!”  
**Glory, glory, glory, God!**  
 Come, Let us worship.

**\*Hymn #482 Baptized in Water**

**1. Baptized in water,  
 sealed by the Spirit,  
 cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
 heirs of salvation,  
 trusting the promise,  
 faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**2. Baptized in water,  
 sealed by the Spirit,  
 dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
 one with his rising,  
 freed and forgiven,  
 thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**3. Baptized in water,  
 sealed by the Spirit,  
 marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
 born of the Spirit,  
 we are God's children;  
 joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

**\*Call to Confession****\*Confession**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. 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.

**\*Response: Peace be with you**

Ji-jo-ho ni tin.  
Ji-jo-ho ni tin,  
po-ome-po-po, a-men,  
po-ome-po-po, a-men.

Peace be with you.  
Peace be with you,  
and with all of us, amen  
and with all of us, amen.

**The Word****Prayer for Illumination****First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7**

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

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**Children's Chat**

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

**Second Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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**Sermon***I Want A Shirt*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

**\*Hymn # 164 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways**

**1. Down Galilee's slow roadways  
a stranger traveled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan  
to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters  
like soldier, scribe, and slave,  
but there within the river  
the sign was birth and grave.**

**2. Arising from the river  
he saw the heavens torn;  
it seemed the sky so open  
revealed the Spirit's form.**

**The holy dove descended  
amid a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved,  
my child, my heart, my choice."**

**3. We too have found a roadway;  
it led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel  
in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water  
again a voice is heard.  
"You are my own, my chosen,  
beloved of your Lord."**

**\*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**

Response: **stir us with your power.**

**Thanksgiving**

**Offering**

Musical Offering

Original Compositions  
Caroline Smith, piano

Caroline Smith

**\*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 and 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 # 547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

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."

3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

#### \*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

*The Girl with the Flaxen Hair*

Claude Debussy