

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**  
**March 17, 2019**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**                    *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me*                    arr. Cindy Berry

**Greeting**

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

**Call To Worship**

People of God, listen! We are being called together  
**As we continue on our Lenten journey, a voice in the wilderness seems to be drawing us in – inviting us into unity and communion as one.**  
 People of God, listen! There is a whispering presence urging us to draw near.  
**Our loving God reaches into our lives in this season and seems to be spreading wings of protection and nurturance over us.**  
 Come, children of God, let us be gathered. Let us find safety. Let us remember the love and redeeming grace of God as we worship.  
**Come, let us be a people gathered together in God's protective love.**  
 Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #49 The God of Abraham Praise**

**1. The God of Abraham praise,  
 who reigns enthroned above,  
 the Ancient of Eternal Days,  
 the God of love!  
 The Lord, the great I am,  
 by earth and heaven confessed,  
 we bow before your holy name,  
 forever blest.**

**2. Your spirit still flows free,  
 high surging where it will.  
 In prophet's word you spoke of old  
 and you speak still.  
 Established is your law,  
 and changeless it shall stand,  
 deep writ upon the human heart  
 by your strong hand.**

**3. Your goodly land we seek,  
 with peace and plenty blest,  
 a land of sacred liberty  
 and Sabbath rest.  
 There milk and honey flow,  
 and oil and wine abound,  
 and trees of life forever grow  
 with mercy crowned.**

**4. You have eternal life  
 implanted in the soul;  
 your love shall be our strength and stay,  
 while ages roll.  
 We praise you, living God!  
 We praise your holy name:  
 the first, the last, beyond all thought,  
 and still the same!**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Confession of Sin**

**We love our independence, God. We love to run in every direction, in any direction, at any time. We have become a fiercely individualized society.**

**We value our “liberties” so much, that we, as a people are willing to risk the safety of our children and the harm of whole segments of our society to defend them. We confess, Gathering God, that we have become an unruly brood.**

**We lose the deep sense of communion that helps us to see one another as sister and brother, even across our differences. We have forgotten how to gather together as one family. We are lost, Loving One, and seek your hovering grace.**

**Forgive us. Turn our eyes again to your realm. May we be reminded to care about each other. May we appreciate the connectedness and the power of our unity. Gather us in, we pray.**

**Silent prayer**

**\*Response #437 You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Christ, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**\*Words of Grace Rick and Congregation**

Hear and believe the good news!

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: 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Chat**

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

**Second reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God***Sermon**Every Day*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

**Hymn #821 My Life Flows On**

1. My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

**Refrain:**

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3. What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

**\*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 -Guided meditation****Offering**

Musical Offering

*Ashes to Ashes*  
Chancel Choir

by Daniel Schutte

**\*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**

A Minute for Stewardship

*Building a Welcoming Community*

Elizabeth Matli

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 #846 Fight The Good Fight**

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
 Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
 Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 thy joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race  
 through God's good grace;  
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
 Life with its way before us lies;  
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3. Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.  
 God's boundless mercy will provide.  
 Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4. Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.  
 God changeth not, and thou art dear.  
 Only believe, and thou shalt see  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

**\*Benediction and Congregational Response Hymn # 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy**

Lord, make us more holy;  
 Lord, make us more holy;  
 Lord, make us more holy,  
 until we meet again:  
 holy, holy, holy,  
 until we meet again.

Postlude

Meditation on *Glory Be To Jesus*

arr. Robert Lau