

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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GATHERING

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Greeting

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call To Worship

Breathe deep! Allow the fragrance of love to entice you.

We can sense a powerful presence among us.

Though death threatens to come soon, in this hour of worship, let us focus on what is alive!

The colors of morning stream though our windows – the world is humming in activity

The warmth of our communion vibrates among us – we are One Body together.

And soon we will raise our voices in song, creating harmonies to sustain us on our journey toward the cross.

Come, people of God, breathe deeply and take in the vitality of this moment, and let us cherish it and be glad.

God's extravagance surrounds us. Let us worship and give thanks

***Hymn #630 Fairest Lord Jesus**

**1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**4. Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Loving God, we sometimes confuse generosity with extravagance. We have been called to be a people of love, sharing, and compassion. At times this turns us into people who allow the fear of scarcity to fill our hearts, rather than thanksgiving for the overflowing grace with which you love us. Remind us of the miraculous abundance that arose from Jesus' ministry – the water turned to wine; the thousands fed with just five loaves; the fishing nets strained with catch. Give us the motivation to show our love for others with the same profound generosity that Mary showed Jesus when she anointed his feet with oil. Forgive us our fear of want and help us to connect with the great abundance all around us. Teach us to love extravagantly, we pray. Amen.

***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**

...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: Isaiah 43:16-21

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: John 12:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

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Sermon

Extravagant Giving

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #201 A Prophet-Woman Broke A Jar**

1. A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.

2. A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.

3. Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.

4. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls,
from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice, and make them welcome!

***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.

Offering

Musical Offering

The Rugged Cross
Effie Latz, viola

By Wayne Fritchie

***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**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
let those who have no money come and eat.
**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast,
and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Response: # 562 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Response: #563 Christ Has Died: Christ Is Risen

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Response: #564 Amen

**Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days.
As we travel on through the wilderness help us to share your grace with others
and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commission to Extended Communion Servers

**We send you out with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord.
We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

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 #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Benediction and Congregational Response

Hymn # 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* v.1

**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

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

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