

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

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GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting

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

Call to Worship

Come let us rejoice in the stone the builders rejected.
Christ is our strength and our salvation, there is no other.
Come let us enter the gates of righteousness, welcomed by Christ.
In the house of God's love and justice we encounter life.
Come let us turn to the One who is our light.
We give thanks to the One whose steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn #231 Christ Is Risen While Earth Slumber**

**1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers;
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!**

**2. Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.**

**Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.**

**3. Christ has risen and for ever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy One, the success of your compassion often seems far away, yet in this time of worship, we claim compassion's promise. The success of your peace seems out of reach, yet in this time of worship we claim the promise of peace. The headlines daily negate the success of your justice, yet in this time of worship, we claim the promise of justice. In this time of worship, we gather to rekindle and reclaim the strength we find in you, so when we leave this place we will do so as witnesses to your disruptive resurrection love. Amen.

The Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you. (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response: #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE WORD**Prayer for Illumination****First reading: John 20:19-31**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Matthew Coyle

Second Reading: Acts 5:27-32

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Laura Peifer

***Hymn #248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:

all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,

see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding

bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits

from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

**Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.**

Jesus is our strong companion.

Joy and peace shall never end.

**3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.**

**Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.**

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:

"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us.

Sing Hosanna everyone!

***A Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gloria Patri (Hymnal # 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayers of the People

Response: **As you sent Christ, now send us.**

Offering

Musical Offering

*Doxology (Hymnal \$ 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 #246 Christ Is Alive**

**1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

**3. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,**

**Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

***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