

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

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GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

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Call to Worship

Do you know who you are?

We are those who resist fear, courageously walking in the valley of darkness, knowing we are never alone.

Do you know who you are?

We are those who resist all manner of violence, trusting in the way of the Christ.

Do you know who you are?

We are those who resist conforming to the demands and norms of injustice, putting our trust in the One who says, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

Do you know who you are?

We are those who have been given a new identity in the resurrected Christ and known through the love we share.

Then let us rise up in worship and service to the God of justice and compassion for surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

Hymn #182 *I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

**1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."**

**I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank**

**of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Shepherd of Life, we enter this time of worship in need of the green pasture of your grace, which provides rest and renewal for the work that lies before us.

The still waters of your peace calm our anxious spirits. The word of your rod and the wisdom of your staff is the strength and comfort we need to journey through the valley.

Even in the face of suffering and injustice, you fill our spirits with the abundance of your love, and you anoint us in service to bring this hope to the world. This is the place we would dwell our whole life long. Amen.

***The Peace**

The Peace of Christ 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: Acts 9:36-43**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Second Reading John 10:22-30

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Sermon*A Question of Identity*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

**1. My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.**

**2. When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.**

**Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.**

**3. The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

***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

Offering

Musical Offering

*Doxology

*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