

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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GATHERING

Prelude

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J. S. Bach

Isabel Morgan, piano

Greeting Rick

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call to Worship

Angels, sun, moon, highest heaven and waters above the heaven, come join the choir.

Sea monsters and all the deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind, come join the choir.

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds, come join the choir.

Kings and queens of Earth and all peoples, princes and rulers of Earth, young men and women alike, old and young together, come join the choir.

In unity and solidarity we join our voice in one chorus celebrating the Creator who gives life to all.

Praise God who calls us into being and whose spirit unites us in harmony with all that is.

Come, let us worship.

***Hymn #371 New Songs of Celebration Render**

**1. New songs of celebration render
to God who has great wonders done;
love sits enthroned in ageless splendor;
come and adore the mighty One.
God has made known the great salvation
which all the saints with joy confess.
God has revealed to every nation
truth and unending righteousness.**

**2. Joyfully, heartily resounding,
let every instrument and voice
peal out the praise of grace abounding,
calling the whole world to rejoice.**

**Trumpets and organs, set in motion
such sounds as make the heavens ring;
all things that live in earth and ocean,
sound forth the song; your praises bring.**

**3. Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
mountains and stones, look up adoring,
and find a voice to praise God's name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
praises be sung that never cease:
just is our God, whose truth victorious
establishes the world in peace.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Creator of all life, we have no proof of your existence except for this deep longing for unity that exists within our very being. We look up at the stars and know they are part of us. We plant our feet on the earth, and we know it is a part of us. We breathe the air and know it is a part of us. We immerse ourselves in the water of life, and we know it is a part of us.

We are one family of life and substance. You have created us in unity with all that exists. We feel the pull of our togetherness. The more closely we are aligned with this oneness, the more keenly we are aware of your presence. With gratitude we share together in worship this day, joining our voices in a solidarity of praise. 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 11:1-18

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

Second Reading John 13:31-35

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Sermon

The Same Gift

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Hymn #300 *We Are One In The Spirit

**1. We are one in the Spirit;
we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit;
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

**2 We will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand,**

**and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land: (Refrain)**

**3 We will work with each other;
we will work side by side;
we will work with each other;
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity
and save human pride: (Refrain)**

**4 All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one: (Refrain)**

***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, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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: **We are a resurrection people.**

Offering

Musical Offering

Days of Elijah
Prospect Children

*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

Congregational Meeting

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 #18 Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator**

**1. Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator,
sun, moon, and stars and angels above.
Praise the Lord, whose word established the heavens,
who upholds all the earth in power and love.
God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice! (O)
God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice!**

**2. Praise the Lord, all mountains and oceans,
rolling thunder and wind and storm clouds on high.
Praise the Lord, your Maker, all living creatures,
all the beasts in the fields and birds in the sky.
Both young and old, come and join in the song! (O)
Both young and old, come and join in the song!**

**3. Give to God all glory and honor.
From the depths to the heights let praises resound
to the Lord, the source of strength and salvation
for all people on whom God's favor is found.
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (O)
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!**

***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

Blessing Anyangwe, piano