

**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 into the presence of the One who is gracious to us, blesses us, and whose face shines upon us.
We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come into this sacred space and join your voices with peoples of all nations in praise of the One who shows us the way of peace.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come into the presence of the One where night is as day and fear is driven out by God's love.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come and listen for the Spirit's voice, calling us to live with courage and faithfulness to the vision of God's justice.

We gather at the river of the water of life, trusting the One who is our light and our hope.

***Hymn #375 Shall We Gather At the River**

**1. Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**2. On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,**

**we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. (Refrain)**

**3. Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)**

**4. Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)**

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy One, even when we have felt most alone, your spirit is present to us, your promise is fulfilled. Even when we have felt like we have little of value to offer, your spirit shows us the fruit of love is abundant and there for the healing of the nations.

Even in the midst of loud voices encouraging hatred, fear, and selfish ambition, your spirit quietly beckons us to journey forth to the place of love's calling. Help us in this time of worship to trust the voice of your spirit that we may live as your people. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE WORD**Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Acts 16:9-15**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Matthew Coyle

Second Reading: John 14:23-29

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Sermon*The Spirit Leads Us Through Peace*

Modi Essoka

***Hymn #177 I Will Come To You**

**1. "I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice;
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.**

Refrain:

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."**

**2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. (Refrain)**

**3 "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see;
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. (Refrain)**

4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! (Refrain)

Refrain:
"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

***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**

**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

***Benediction and Congregational Response Modi and Congregation**

Hymn #399 God Welcomes All

**God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.**

Postlude