

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF 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 freedom that is ours.

It was there in the beginning, from the Alpha of time.

The very heavens proclaim the glory of the One in whom freedom is found.

The foundation of freedom is the righteousness and justice of God.

Freedom knows no bounds; it reaches across all eternity to the Omega of time.

We come to share in this spirit.

The one who reveals freedom's fullness is coming soon.

Amen. Come, Christ Jesus.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy One, you come to us as a flash of lightning, an uncontrollable source of energy and power. Even while we try to keep you safely within the confines of our liturgy, hymns, and theology, your spirit continues breaking forth in new and unexpected ways, reminding us that you are the One in whom the whole earth rejoices. In this time of worship and prayer, loosen our chains, open our hearts that we may hear and respond to your spirit's call. Amen.

***The Peace**

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

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First reading: Acts 16:16-34

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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 17:20-26

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Sermon

Free The Slaves

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #346 For The Healing of the Nations**

**1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2. Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

***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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.**

Offering

Musical Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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**

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us.

Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! 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 #384 *Soon and Very Soon

**1. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!**

**2. No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!**

**3. No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!**

**4. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!**

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