

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worship For Celebration of Mission and Ministry
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Pre-Service Music

Greeting

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

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

It is understandable if neighbors are confused. There are so many problems in our world; climate change, violence, tremendous inequity, to name a few. Yet, we gather together to sing songs of praise, rejoice and embrace a renewed energy. It can all look a bit strange.

We are heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ. This is our identity.

It is understandable if neighbors are confused. Daily we are confronted by expressions of hatred, animosity, mistrust.

Yet, here we speak a language of welcome where none are left out, no matter their origin, ethnicity, gender, age, or any of the many ways hatred is nurtured. It can all look a bit strange.

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It is understandable if neighbors are confused. Everyone thought this liberating, justice proclaiming Realm of God movement was all but over. Jesus was executed. The movement should be dead as well.

Yet, here we gather with the expectancy that God's spirit is on the loose and the movement continues to unfold. It can all look a bit strange.

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Then let us worship the One whose spirit shapes us into a new people, giving witness to the hope that is ours.

We lift our voice in praise to the God of all Creation. Amen.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #290 O Day of Joy and Wonder!**

**1. O day of joy and wonder!
Christ's promise now fulfilled:
the coming of the Spirit
that holy love has willed.
Our Lord in human body
to mortal eye is lost,
yet comes in flame upon us
at blessed Pentecost.**

**2. The world, in sheer amazement,
the truth must now declare:
that those who once were cowards
are brave beyond compare;
and tongues, which could not utter
their faith in Jesus' name,
defy all persecution
God's glory to proclaim!**

**3. We too may know your power;
your courage makes us strong.
Your love, your joy, your patience
can all to us belong.**

**Come now and dwell within us,
O Comforter divine.
Come to our hearts, and keep them;
There let your brightness shine.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Spirit of Truth, you know how quickly discouragement begins taking hold in our lives.

We can find it difficult to trust that you are at work in the soil of our disappointments and become hesitant to take the risks that faithfulness demands.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

Spirit of Truth, we can be quick to judge that which is unfamiliar. We expect others to conform, assimilate and become like us. We create protective barriers in order to avoid the danger of challenging long-held beliefs and practices.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

Spirit of Truth, we often prefer the company of those most like us. We become guarded around people whose life experiences, beliefs, and values are different from ours.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

Spirit of Truth, we know we live in an all too violent world. We often wish it were different, but become angry, defensive and resistant about laying down our weapons of self-protection. We rebrand violence as the guarantor of peace.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

Spirit of Truth, help us let go of our fears, embrace the peace you offer, and live every day as those adopted into the promise of your love and justice. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Response: *Peace Be With You

Ji-jo-ho ni tin.

Ji-jo-ho ni tin,

po-ome-po-po, a-men,

po-ome-po-po, a-men.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you,

and with all of us, amen

and with all of us, amen.

PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

p. 948

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

Second Reading John 14:8-17, 25-27

p. 938

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Celebration of Ministry: ConnectEd

Kaitlyn Yourkoski

***Hymn #291 Spirit of Gentleness**

Refrain:

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

**1. You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." (Refrain)**

**2. You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,**

**then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. (Refrain)**

**3. You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)**

**4. You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (Refrain)**

***The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Musical Offering

O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God
Chancel Choir

Chaz Bowers

***Praise God (Hymn #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

Celebration of Ministry: Sensible Gun Safety

David Harris

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 #295 *Go To The World

**1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Toccata from "Symphony V"

Charles-Marie Widor