

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

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**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

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

**Call To Worship**

All who are bent over with worry,  
**this is a place of sanctuary.**  
All who are burdened with life,  
**this is a house of care.**  
All who are lost to community,  
**this is a place of welcome.**  
All who travel with questions,  
**this is a community of seekers.**  
All who reach out to God,  
**this is a sacred space of worship.**  
Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #798 All With Joyful Exultation**

Refrain:

**All with joyful exultation  
let us sing to God our praise;  
to the rock of our salvation  
loud hosannas raise.**

**1. Lord, we sing with joyful voices;  
your great power can lift and save;  
by your healing touch, revive us;  
life restore beyond the grave.**

**2. Praise to you, our sure salvation,  
you, the Holy One above.  
End the night so dimmed by anguish,  
with your light of peace and love.**

**3. Change our sorrow to rejoicing;  
clothe with gladness all despair;  
cause unsteady feet that stumble  
now to dance beneath your care.**

**4. Dry our tears we shed in mourning;  
give us steadfast hope always;  
fill our hearts with expectation;  
fill our songs with thanks and praise.**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Confession of Sin**

Liberating God, the voice of Jesus Christ calls us out of shadows into new life. Yet sometimes, we ignore that voice even when it calls within our heart.

We may think ourselves unworthy or too busy, or too unskilled to be prophets and disciples. At other times, we may discredit the ministry of others, believing that you would only call certain kinds of people to proclaim your word.

Liberate us again, O God. Set us free from our misunderstandings and help us to embrace and embody your hopes and dreams. 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. (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

**\*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 GOD'S WORD****Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

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**Children's Chat**

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**Second reading: Luke 13:10-17**

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

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**Sermon:**

*Welcome, Love, Restore*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*

Tune: O WALY WALY 8.8.8.8 ("Though I May Speak" page 693)

**If we just talk of thoughts and prayers  
And don't live out a faith that dares,  
And don't take on the ways of death,  
Our thoughts and prayers  
are fleeting breath.**

**If we just sing of doing good  
And don't walk through our neighborhood  
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,  
Our talk of good is simply vain.**

**If we just dream of what could be  
And do not build community,  
And do not seek to change our ways,  
Our dreams of change are false displays.**

**God, may our prayers and dreams and songs  
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —  
That works for peace and justice, too.  
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.**

### \*Affirmation of Faith- 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.**

### Prayers of the People

Response: **and set one another free.**

### Offering

Musical Offering

### \*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 OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

#### **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***

**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**

Hymn: If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

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