

**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

This is a gathering time –
a time to come together, settle in, and remember who we are. We are the church,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

We are greeted by the Spirit of Jesus who made common tables special and welcomed all to the
feast. Spirit is with us,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Abiding in mutual love we stretch out our hands in friendship and discover the presence of God.
We remain in God's love,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
Let us worship God.

Hymn #267 *Come, Christians, Join and Sing

**1. Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!**

**He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!**

**3. Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!**

Call to Confession**Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength.

Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16-

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Children's Chat

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Second reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

To Be the Church

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #267 *When the Poor Ones*

**1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,**

Refrain:

**then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

**2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us, (Refrain)**

**3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better, (Refrain)**

**4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, (Refrain)**

*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.

Offering

Musical Offering

Go Light Your World
Anne Van Der Karr, solo

by Chris Rice

*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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.
(Prayer continues...)

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.**

Service continues...

#563 Christ Has Died: Christ Is Risen

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Service continues...

#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

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 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 #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4. Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

*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