

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 8, 2019**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

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

**Opening Song**

*Behold, I Make All Things New*  
 Led by Sensational Sunday Participants

John L. Bell

**Behold, behold, I make all things new beginning with you and starting from today.**  
**Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

**Call To Worship**

Response:  
**Here is the church (*indicate hands*).**  
**Here is the steeple (*wiggle index fingers*).**  
**Open the door (*bring thumbs apart*),**  
**and here are the people (*wiggle intertwined fingers*).**

**\*Hymn #5 *God The Sculptor of the Mountains***

**1. God the sculptor of the mountains,  
 God the miller of the sand,  
 God the jeweler of the heavens,  
 God the potter of the land:  
 you are womb of all creation;  
 we are formless; shape us now.**

**2. God the nuisance of the Pharaoh,  
 God the cleaver of the sea,  
 God the pillar in the darkness,  
 God the beacon of the free:  
 you are fount of all deliverance;  
 we are aimless; lead us now.**

**3. God the dresser of the vineyard,  
 God the planter of the wheat,  
 God the reaper of the harvest,  
 God the source of all we eat:  
 you are host at every table;  
 we are hungry; feed us now.**

**4. God the unexpected infant,  
 God the calm, determined youth,  
 God the table-turning prophet,  
 God the resurrected truth:  
 you are present every moment;  
 we are searching; meet us now.**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Confession of Sin**

Response:

**Here is the church.**

**Here is the steeple.**

**Open the door,  
and free all the people.**

**\*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: Hymn #441 *Hear The Good News* v 1****1. Hear the good news of salvation:**

**Jesus died to show God's love.**

**Such great kindness! Such great mercy!**

**Come to us from heaven above.**

**Jesus Christ, how much I love you!**

**Jesus Christ, you save from sin!**

**How I love you! Look upon me.**

**Love me still and cleanse within.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD****Prayer for Illumination****First reading: Philemon 1-21**

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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 14:25-33**

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**Sermon**

**“ Identity Shifting Stories”**

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### *\*Hymn #754 Help Us Accept Each Other*

1. Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted,  
and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may become.

3. Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness,  
and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for justice and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
Lord, free us; make us one!

### *\*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: May we be people of grace and peace.

### **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**

#### **Blessing of Backpacks and School Year**

All that we are is gathered into the heart of Christ –  
nothing and no one is excluded.

Through this unconditional love  
the brilliance of Christ's community shines out.

**Response: We are loved.**

**We are welcomed.**

**We will be Christ together  
extending welcoming love to the world**

#### **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 #742 *We Will Walk With God***

**We will walk with God, my brothers;  
we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters;  
we will walk with God.**

**We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

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### **\*Benediction and Congregational Response (#745 *Now Go In Joy*)**

**Now go in joy to spread the Word  
till all people have heard:  
God embraces all! Follow, then,  
the disciples' call:**

**tend your neighbors with loving care  
in daily work and prayer.  
God's own grace empower you spirit.  
Amen.**

### **Postlude**

