

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, 2019

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Greeting

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Call To Worship

When we find ourselves surrounded by supportive relationships or when we feel lost and alone, unsure of the way forward:

love is never far away.

When our faith is rock solid and we are filled with wisdom, or when we are mired in doubt and we just don't know:

love is never far away.

All that we are – every circumstance and feeling – is welcomed by the Spirit into the heart of worship:

love is never far away.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

**2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

You who form all things in and for Love's sake, we confess that at times we lose sight of your given goodness. Blinded by ignorance, we stubbornly insist on our own way; only to bring harm to ourselves and others.

But then a bolt of lightning hits and we see something new – we see as if for the first time. Things weren't as we once imagined and we are suddenly in need of redirection. So, startle us with the brilliance of wisdom.

Unsettle our certainties. Open us to enlightenment and realign our hearts in keeping with your own. Most of all, may we be humbled by a deep awareness of your merciful presence within us, saving us and transforming us for life. 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: 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: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

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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 15:1-10

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Sermon*God's Love Story*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #649 *Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

*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- Guided Meditation

Offering

Musical Offering

There's A Spirit of Love in the Place

Mark Miller

Chancel Choir

Judi Gajary and Adrienne Bolden, soloists

*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 #132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

**2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!**

**He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!**

**3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!**

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

