

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF 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

God makes a home for us;
the Divine provides shade for us.
 Yahweh is our refuge and strength;
Abba is the home in which we can trust.
 Let us worship the One who gives us shelter;
let us find our refuge under God's wings.
 Let us worship God.

Hymn #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**1. A mighty fortress is our God,
 a bulwark never failing,
 Our helper he, amid the flood
 of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe
 doth seek to work us woe.
 His craft and power are great,
 and armed with cruel hate,
 on earth is not his equal.**

**2. Did we in our own strength confide,
 our striving would be losing,
 were not the right man on our side,
 the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus, it is he.
 Lord Sabaoth his name,
 from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.**

**3. And though this world, with devils
 filled,
 should threaten to undo us,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed
 his truth to triumph through us.
 The Prince of Darkness grim,
 we tremble not for him.
 His rage we can endure,
 for lo, his doom is sure.
 One little word shall fell him.**

**4. That word above all earthly powers,
 no thanks to them, abideth.
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours
 through him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go,
 this mortal life also.
 The body they may kill;
 God's truth abideth still.
 His kingdom is forever.**

Call to Confession**Confession of Sin**

Ever-loving God, you have shown us what is right, calling us to humility, begging us to act with justice, urging us to reach across the chasms of the world to one another.

But we have not always done what is right. We have feasted in luxury while others have starved; we have ignored those whose wounds are visible to all; we have widened the chasms between us and others.

Have mercy on us. Allow us to hear your good news so that we might not dwell in agony but live with renewed hearts and lives. 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: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

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 16:19-31

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Sermon

Outside The Gate

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***Hymn #345 *In An Age of Twisted Values***

**1. In an age of twisted values
we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language
we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions
we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation;
your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.**

**2. We have built discrimination
on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty
if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided
by the walls of class and race,
hear our cry and heal our nation;
show us, Lord, your love and grace.**

**3. When our families are broken,
when our homes are full of strife,
when our children are bewildered,
when they lose their way in life,
when we fail to give the aged
all the care we know they need,
hear our cry and heal our nation;
help us show more love, we plead.**

**4. We who hear your word so often
choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful wandering;
give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your Spirit
come to cleanse us, make us new;
hear our cry and heal our nation
till our nation honors 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**Offering**

Musical Offering

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light
Chancel Choir

arr. Richard Proulx

***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 #806 *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

1. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
 and when my voice is lost in death,
 praise shall employ my nobler powers.
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past
 while life and thought and being last,
 or immortality endures.

2. How happy they whose hopes rely
 on Israel's God, who made the sky
 and earth and seas with all their train;
 whose truth forever stands secure,
 who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,
 and none shall find God's promise vain.

3. The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
 the Lord supports the fainting mind
 and sends the laboring conscience peace.
 God helps the stranger in distress,
 the widowed and the parentless,
 and grants the prisoner sweet release.

4. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
 and when my voice is lost in death,
 praise shall employ my nobler powers.
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past
 while life and thought and being last,
 or immortality endures.

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