

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**March 1, 2020**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

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

**Call To Worship**

We do not live by bread alone,  
**so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.**

We come at the Spirit's leading  
**to offer ourselves in service to Christ.**  
Come, find strength for the journey.  
**Let us worship the one, true God.**

**\*Hymn #618 O Love, How Deep**

**1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**2. For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew,  
for us, the tempter overthrew.**

**3. For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,**

**he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us gave up his dying breath.**

**4. For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent the Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**5. All glory to our Lord and God,  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Confession of Sin**

**Holy God, you call us to worship and to serve only you. Yet, when other things demand our attention, we stray from the path Jesus tread.**

**We serve powers that privilege the comfort of some over the well-being of many. We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration.**

**We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord.  
Send your Spirit to guide us back to you.**

**Free us from the clutches of sin and death and draw us close, that we might respond to the  
grace we know in Christ and follow the ways of justice and righteousness.**

**\*Response #576 “Lord, Have Mercy”**

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**\*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.**

**THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

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**The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Chat**

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

**Second reading: Matthew 4:1-11**

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Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**“If You Are...”**

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

**\*Hymn #833 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”**

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.**

**Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.**

**Offering**

Musical Offering

“A Lenten Prayer”  
Chancel Choir

Hal Hopson

**\*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**

O God, we know very little of your plan for us, but we will pursue you in the mystery of our faith that you know us, love us, and teach us about yourself and ourselves all at once.

**We belong to one another.**

We hunger for the conversations and stories that expose us, challenge us, and help us discover the wisdom in your teachings.

**We belong to one another.**

Generous God, we bring these gifts and choose life for others, as well as for ourselves.

**We belong to one another. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
let those who have no money come and eat.  
**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast,  
and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**

## **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.**

Service continues.....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Service continues.....

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life,  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Service continues....

**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**

**Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **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 #783 “When We Are Tested”**

**1. When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**2. When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.**

**3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the power to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.**

**4. When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

**\*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**

**What to Do at the End of Worship:** There are differing ways of practicing our spirituality when it comes to the music at the end of worship. Some people find it helpful to quietly listen to the music, called a postlude, as a time to reflect and pray. Others want to hear the music as they depart to serve. The Worship Ministry encourages you to pursue the practice that most suits your spiritual needs and to join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshment, conversation and service opportunities.