

**PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

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GATHERING

Prelude

Greeting

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

Call To Worship

In days of old God called Abraham and Sarah:
Come—I am with you; step out in faith.
God speaks still, claiming people of every land and race:
Come—I will bless you, that you may bless others.
Heirs of the covenant, let us continue the journey:
Come—let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn #49 “The God of Abraham Praise”**

**1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.**

**2. Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand.**

**3. Your goodly land we seek,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.**

**4. You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

We confess that we do not always see blessings for what they are. We confess that we lack imagination and optimism because we have experienced pain in our lives and in our community.

Life and love break our hearts, but we do not have to live in fear or anger. God, we need you to teach us about our true selves, so we will recognize your presence and promises in ourselves and in each other.

Silent Prayer**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.

***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 12:1-4a**

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

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Children's Chat

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Second reading: John 3:1-17

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Sermon

“Born From Above and Again”

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #482 “Baptized in Water”**

1. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

**2. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**3. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Baptism of Liam Thomas Connolly

Presentation

...Hear also these words from holy scripture:
As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.
**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Profession of Faith

***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; 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.**

Thanksgiving Over The Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Prayer continues...

The Baptism

Laying On Of Hands

Welcome

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering

Musical Offering

“Steal Away”
 Effie Latz, viola
 Audrey Rowe, dancer

Arr. 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/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**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 #215 “What Wondrous Love Is This”**

**1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

***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

"Glory Be To Jesus"

Arr. Robert Lau