



**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
August 13, 2017

PRELUDE

Melody Raef

WELCOME

Ayars Lore

MOMENT FOR MUSIC **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Inspired by Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you teach us to tell time differently.

A thousand years or a day makes no difference to you.

People: Help us to make the most of every moment you give us.

Leader: A day without you at the center is a day wasted.

Show us your love in the morning And we will skip and dance all day long.

People: May the blessing of the Lord rest on us today.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you live outside of our time, for you are eternal. We, in contrast, are so aware of time as a way to fulfill the many tasks and responsibilities of our lives. Here we pause to worship you. Help us to shed our timeliness and embrace the eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE #210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, you are slow to anger and swift to have mercy; Forgive us when we treat time as a commodity or an enemy, when we abuse your gift of time.

In our fastness and our slowness, help us to keep pace with you.

Free us to live in your time, a new time, in which there is a time for everything under heaven, and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast. Transform us into people who see time as a gift and a friend, who live as if we have time, because we know that your time will never cease. Through Jesus we pray, Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVINESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE #579 Gloria Patri**

*** THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you ... And also with you.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito

Children in kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery

READING from the OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 90

(Pew p. 476)

READING from the NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6: 25-34

(Pew p. 788)

INTERLUDE

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HOMILY

"The Christian Life: Receiving the Gift of Time"

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE #357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)**

(Hymnal, p. 14)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

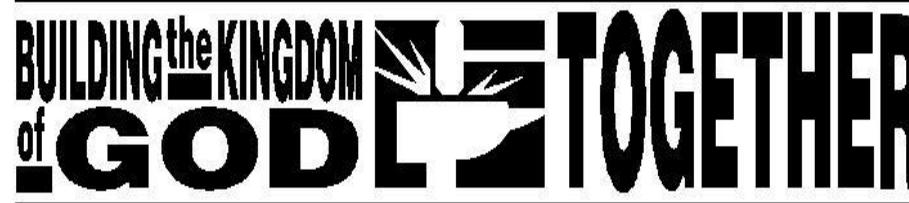
***RESPONSE OF PRAISE (#592) Doxology**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*** HYMN OF SENDING #391 Take My Life**

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

*All who are able are invited to stand



Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

By Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
(Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
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