



**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
4th Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Sarah Carmichael

LENTEN READING Nathan and Laura Richards

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Inspired by Psalm 107

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PEOPLE: For the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

PEOPLE: Those the Lord redeemed from trouble.

UNISON: Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)** Book of Common Worship

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Let us listen to this hymn one time through as we assist our new arrivals

***HYMN OF PRAISE #485** To God Be the Glory

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gracious God, when we break every covenant you have ever made with us, write repentance on our hearts. When we act like rebellious children, turning our backs on your invitation to liberation from sin, write repentance on our hearts. When we preach to others what we do not practice, write repentance on our hearts.

Write repentance and then write forgiveness, gracious God, so that we can try again to be your faithful people.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

While we "Pass the Peace" please consider filling out a "Welcome to our Church Family" card. Drop your card in the offering plate.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Rev. Stephen L Hodges
Children in kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery

READING from the OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 21:4-9 (Pew p. 122)

READING from the GOSPELS John 3:11-21 (Pew p. 864)

ANTHEM No Greater Love Melody Raef and Choir

HOMILY Mission 3:16 Rev. Stephen L. Hodges

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #323** Amazing Grace

***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

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***HYMN OF SENDING (See Blue Insert)** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
(* "Please stand if you are able")

