



**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018

**PRELUDE**

Melody Raef

**WELCOME**

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

Christ Is Alive

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Inspired by Acts 3:17-19

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Friends, God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets.

PEOPLE: That God's Messiah would suffer.

Leader: Repent, therefore, and turn to God.

PEOPLE: Turn to God so that our sins may be wiped out.

UNISON: Let us worship God!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Book of Common Worship

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and through eternity. Amen.

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #122**

Thine Is the Glory

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we are people motivated more by fear than love. We know how to build walls and make rules and set boundaries. We know how to feel guilty. We are good at trying to make ourselves and everyone else conform to some ideal we have decided you want.

We confess we don't know what to do with your unconditional love. We don't know how to respond to your joyful surprises. We are afraid to stand under the flood of your miracle and wonder and goodness and healing.

Forgive us and fold us in your comforting presence and bless us into courage. Drench us in trust in the name of the one who trusted you even on the cross. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

**\*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 GOSPELS**

Luke 24:36-49

(Pew p. 861)

**ANTHEM**

Melody Raef & Choir

**HOMILY**

Power from on High

Rev. Stephen L. Hodges

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #310**

Jesus, the Very Thought of 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**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING #108**

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(\*) "Please stand if you are able"