



**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018**

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Sarah Carmichael

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

PEOPLE: May all that is within us bless God's holy name.

Leader: Let us praise God with our heart and mind and voices.

PEOPLE: And come into God's presence with joy and gladness.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

UNISON: May all that is within us bless God's holy name.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)** Book of Common Worship
O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

Let us listen to this hymn one time through...

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, we confess to you that we have not followed your will. We have not fully embraced your call to us to live as your disciples in the world. We confess that we have not always graciously welcomed the ideas of others. Though you have called us to collaboration, we have often chosen competition. Though you have called us to a new future, we have felt threatened by change. Though you have called us to discern your will, we have chosen to follow our own way.

Open our hearts that we may receive the promise of your forgiveness and the assurance of your pardon. Open our lives to be receptive to your will, that we may walk in your paths, and know the everlasting presence of your love and mercy. In the name of Christ we pray.

***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 John 17:6-19 (Pew p. 879)

READING from the NEW TESTAMENT Acts 1:15-26 (Pew p.885)

ANTHEM This is My Song Melody Raef & Choir

HOMILY Doing the Best We Can Rev. Stephen L. Hodges

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #341** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)** (Hymnal, p. 14)

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 #426** Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
(* "Please stand if you are able")

**Congregational Meeting, May 20th
During this service
Election of the 12th Elder on Session**