



**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018

PRELUDE

Melody Raef

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Inspired by Psalm 48

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

PEOPLE: The Lord's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.

Leader: Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

PEOPLE: Walk about the holy mountain, go through its citadels.

Leader: Tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

PEOPLE: God will be our guide forever

UNISON: Let us worship God.

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

Book of Common Worship

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, so that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE #356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Holy God, your truth challenges us to see the reality of who we are in our sinfulness. Our thoughts are not your thoughts, nor our ways your ways. We adapt too easily to the broad way of the world rather than the narrow way of Christ. Because we fail to keep clear the difference between being loyal citizens of an earthly nation and citizens of your realm, we easily lose the perspective of Jesus, go along with the world, and worship at the wrong throne! You call us to be salt and leaven, to speak and live the gospel we confess; but we are reluctant, self-protective witnesses.

Forgive, O God, our failure, to be your courageous, truth-telling and truth-living prophets.

***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

2 Samuel 5:1-10

(Pew p.243)

READING from the GOSPELS

Mark 6:1-13 (Matthew 21:12-17)

(Pew p. 817/802)

INTERLUDE

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HOMILY

The Blind and The Lame

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE #446**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

***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 #429**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
(*) "Please stand if you are able"