



**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Communion Sunday
October 7, 2018

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Johanna Davis

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION How Firm a Foundation

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Inspired by Psalm 26

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
People: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.
Leader: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.
People: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, the place your glory abides.
Leader: Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty.
People: As for me, I walk in my integrity, redeem me, and be gracious to me.
Leader: My foot stands on level ground.
People: In the great congregation I will bless the Lord.
UNISON: Let us worship God!

*** HYMN OF PRAISE #379** My Hope Is Built

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gracious God, whose love is beyond our understanding, forgive us for taking our relationships too lightly, for treating those close to us with coldness, for treating the stranger with contempt. We have not loved wholeheartedly; we have not guarded our words as we should; we have refused to let the interests of others interfere with our own self-interest.

Forgive us, O God. Teach us through the example of Jesus how to love, how to share, how to be in community with others. Amen.

***PROMISE OF GOD'S 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

A time to sign, read and pass the Fellowship Register along the pews

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children in kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery

Rev. Stephen L. Hodges

READING from the OLD TESTAMENT Job 2:1-10 (Pew p. 393)

READING from the GOSPELS Mark 10:1-16 (Pew p. 822)

INTERLUDE Melody Raef

HOMILY Hard Hearted Humanity Rev. Stephen L. Hodges

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #304** Jesus Loves Me!

***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**

After the gathering of the gifts, the table is uncovered as the congregation sings

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #319 (Verse 1)** Spirit

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - The joyful feast of the people of God!
The body of Christ, given for you ... The blood of Christ, shed for you ... Amen!

*** CHARGE & BLESSING**

*** HYMN OF SENDING #361** How Firm a Foundation
*All who are able are invited to stand

