

PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Holy Communion
May 3, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, our Guide, you explained the Scriptures and revealed yourself to the disciples at Emmaus.

People: Now by your spirit, enlighten our minds to understand their witness.

All: Ignite our hearts to receive you. Amen

PRAYER OF PRAISE

REV. FRANK SCHAEFER

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus,
Guide us on the path toward our destination,
and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you.
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;
Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;
and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely. Amen.

SONG of PRAISE *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* **Melody**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, 'Til in heaven we take our place,
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

SCRIPTURE **Luke 24:28-35**

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

ANTHEM **Amazing Grace**

Madison and Melody

SERMON

Cindy Kissel-Ito

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Traditional)

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.

FOR CHILDREN

Psalm 23:1 (NRSV)

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Church of Scotland

Jesus, the Christ, You come to us In unexpected places,
In a crowded room, in a journey on a dusty road,
In conversation, in stillness, in gathering together online.
You come in the midst of our doubt, our fear, our sorrow
You come in the power of the resurrection
No pain and suffering is unknown to you.

You bring us peace.

We pray for the places where there is no peace.

Peace to those around the world who are facing the challenges of the pandemic: those who are weary, lonely, grieving and afraid.

You bring peace

Peace to the tensions and conflicts within us

To the regrets, the failure,

The broken relationships

The lost friendships

You bring peace
For you are a friend to us
When we are alone
When we are lonely
Unseen you are there

You bring us peace
And we pray that we too
may become peacemakers. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG OF PREPARATION - #319 Spirit

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit,
spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, You called to the deep, Then You coaxed up the
mountains From the valleys of sleep, And over the eons You called to each
thing, "Awake from your slumbers And rise on your wings."*

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my Guide.
Oh, let me feel Thee near me; The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.
Oh, let me hear Thee speaking, In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, To hasten, or control;
Oh, speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee

That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, My Master and my Friend.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION PHILIPPIANS 4:7

“May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Peace be with you!