

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

All: For He is our strength and our shield.

Leader: Our very help in times of need

All: The Lord is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear?

Leader: The joy of the Lord is our strength, our song.

All: Our armor is the truth of God's Word

Leader: Praise the Lord! His delight is our strength!

All: Hallelujah! His joy is our song!

PRAYER of the Day

God of grace and God of power, shield us with your goodness and grace from all that threatens to do us harm, that we might be ready with all of our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength to love you and joyfully do all you have commanded; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

**SONG of PRAISE #462 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Christ, Whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, Cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.**

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:14-18 & Ephesians 6:10-20

Joshua 24:14-18 ¹⁴Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served

beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. **19** Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

ANTHEM

SERMON Let's Get Ready to Rumble

Lisa Ballou

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Always giving and everlasting God, we try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace - forgive us when we put on shoes laced with frustration and anger. Teach us that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of evil that bring hatred, sin and shame. Lord you have given us a full set of armor to meet the challenges before us. We ask that you protect us from distraction, so that we can carry out your work for the world. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. Hear us as we follow Christ's example in prayer., as we pray together, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG OF RESPONSE- #210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:22-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

People: Peace be with you!