

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2020**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 105

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

**People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of his wonderful works.

**People: Glory in his holy name;**

**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

Leader: Seek the LORD and his strength,  
seek his presence continually.

**All: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his  
miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE Psalm 105**

Lord, our God, where is there another God like You—  
a God of justice and unfailing love, who stands by every promise  
made to His people, generation after generation?  
There is no other. You alone are God.

We gather together to worship You: to give You thanks,  
to proclaim Your greatness, to sing Your praise, to seek Your face,  
and to celebrate Your faithful presence with us.

We pray that Your Spirit would guide and inspire our worship.  
Open our mouths to sing and speak Your praise,  
open our ears to hear Your Word, open our eyes to see to You at  
work among us, open our hearts to receive Your love.  
We offer ourselves to You, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

**SONG of PRAISE #281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 25:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.  
Abraham became the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old  
when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from  
Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the  
LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD  
answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup>The  
babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this  
happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>The LORD  
said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from  
within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other,  
and the older will serve the younger." <sup>24</sup>When the time came for her to  
give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.

**ANTHEM** *I need Thee Every Hour*

**SERMON**

**Dr. Rev. Cindy Kissel-Ito**

**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.**

**FOR CHILDREN Acts 16: 1-2 (Easy to Read Version)**

*Paul went to the city of Derbe and then to Lystra, where a follower of  
Jesus named Timothy lived. Timothy's mother was a Jewish believer,  
but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup> The believers in the cities of Lystra and  
Iconium had only good things to say about him.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Holy God, most ancient of days, we acknowledge You as the most steadfast presence in our world. All else changes: flowers blossom, then wither; infants are born and the aged return to life before and after death. All life ebbs and flows. But You, Lord, remain constant, showing no variation in your meticulous care.*

*You are compassionate, creating each of us with unique personality traits that aid us in this life's journey. Help us to see the signs of your guidance in the events of our lives. Encourage us to be like Rebekkah, responsive to your signs, making decisions as those who trust in You. Help us to see Christ in those around us, attending to the positive in each person.*

*God of mystery, we cannot presume to know how constantly and in what varied ways you reach out to us. Sometimes we hear your voice clearly, spelling out guidance. We struggle with ethical dilemmas and strive to be Your people. Open us as channels of Your healing love for we pray as those who seek to follow the way of Jesus.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **SONG OF RESPONSE #473 For the Beauty of the Earth**

**For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

### **BENEDICTION II Thessalonians 3:16**

*"Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. the Lord be with all of you."*

**People: Peace be with you!**