

**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020**

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: Oh my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

Leader: Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord, who instructs sinners in the way.

All: The Lord leads the humble in what is right, and teaches them God's way.

**SONG OF PRAISE #142 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Lectionary Liturgies

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but when people look at us, they find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and

Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.

Silence is kept.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven, you are made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

FOR CHILDREN James 1:22 (Easy to Read Version)

Do what God's teaching says; don't just listen and do nothing.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-13 NRSV

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

ANTHEM

SERMON

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [Life in Liturgy website](#)

Center us now, O God, on your presence in this place among your people, as we lift up our hearts' desires, our souls' deep needs, our hungers, fears and failures. Open us to your Spirit's urging, and awaken us to live faithfully as your people in a changing, often hurting world.

We pray for those around us who need your care, and ask that you would make of us your instruments of healing, peace and redemption. We pray especially for those we have named to you this day, and others we lift to you in the silence of our hearts.

Reveal your presence with them and with us, God of life, that as people of renewed faith and vitality, we may be empowered to serve your world, and so give glory to you; for we offer our prayers and our lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

SONG OF RESPONSE #387 Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

BENEDICTION

Sisters and brothers, go in peace to love and serve the world, following the example of Christ to consider others as more important than yourselves. And as you go, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore. Amen.

People: Peace be with you!