

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 25, 2020**

**A Few Words for Stewardship – Ayars Lore**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, because God is good.

**People: God's faithful love endures forever.**

Leader: Who could possibly repeat all of the Lord's mighty acts or publicly recount all God's praise?

**People: God's faithful love endures forever.**

Leader: The people who uphold justice, who always do what is right, are truly happy!

**People: God's faithful love endures forever.**

Leader: Remember me, Lord, with the favor you show your people.

**People: God's faithful love endures forever.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: God's faithful love endures forever.**

**All: Let us worship our faithful and loving God together.**

**SONG OF PRAISE #554 Let All Things Now Living**

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving**

**To God the creator triumphantly raise.**

**Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,**

**By guiding us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,**

**A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.**

**Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,**

**As forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses**

**The sun in its orbit obediently shine;**

**The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,**

**The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.**

**We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;**

**With glad adoration a Song let us raise**

**Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:**

**"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed.**

**O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Silence is kept.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**FOR CHILDREN 1 John 4:19 (Easy to Read Version)**

We love because God first loved us.

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 22:34-46 NRSV

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> "What do you think of the Messiah?<sup>Ⓜ</sup> Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit<sup>Ⓜ</sup> calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? <sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## ANTHEM

## SERMON

Nancy Coleman

### 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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, **“Lord, have mercy.”**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our leaders and the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are poor and oppressed, for those unemployed and destitute, for prisoners and captives, for the sick and the dying, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, we offer these prayers in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying...

### LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

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## SONG OF RESPONSE Spirit, of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;  
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?  
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

### BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.*

**People: Peace be with you!**