

Providence Forge Presbyterian Church
6th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship blog

Leader: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters, and gives us refreshment for our souls.

People: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go, so that the name of God will be glorified.

Leader: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

People: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us

Leader: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord

People: who is with us for ever and ever. Amen

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Mary Petrina Boyd

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.

When we face darkness and death, walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful, feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy

all the days of our lives. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE - #379 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain: 2-36 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking
sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

SCRIPTURE

John 10:22-36

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, ^[a] is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" ³³ The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'?" ³⁵ If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶ do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

ANTHEM – What a Friend I have in Jesus

Tom & Lisa

SERMON

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

Psalm 23: 3b-4

“He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff- they comfort me.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Diane Karray

Loving God, you tend us as carefully as a farmer laboring over the fields and as lovingly as a gardener cultivating flowers. We thank you for the nourishment we receive from your hand, for the guidance you provide in our growth, for the fruitfulness you expect from us which motivates us to grow in grace. You teach us that we do not need to earn your shepherding love, yet you call us to walk in your way. You know us totally- you are aware of the reasons for the ways we act. You know our needs, our pain, our sorrow and the difficulties of our lives. You give us completeness, the opportunity for wholeness.

You offer us all we need. You tell us to love our neighbors and our enemies- to embrace those who are unlovable. We confess that there are times when we do not want to hear. But you continue to call us to follow; calling us to respond to your voice and to act in your name. Lord God, open our hearts to receive the fullness of your blessings. Having quenched our need, send us to shepherd all those in need of your care. We pray together as those who wish to trust and follow you, using the word’s you taught:

LORD’S PRAYER

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SONG OF RESPONSE -

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

*Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee

CHARGE AND BENEDICTON Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us^[a] that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

People: Peace be with you!