

Providence Forge
Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Shuman

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: to pour ourselves out in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth. Help us to see your presence burning in the hearts of others; Grant that we may be united in a fellowship of love and prayer. Give us the courage to pick up our cross and respond to the needs of the world. Give us the stamina to follow you, to be your hands and heart in the world; enable us to witness to your grace and mercy. We pray all this through the love of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #138 Holy, Holy, Holy

Melody

*1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,*

*only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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SCRIPTURE

John 17:20-26

²⁰"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one- ²³I in them and you in me-so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

ANTHEM – My Shepherd will supply all my Needs 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: 5

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Richard Einerson

Our gracious, eternal God, we thank you for the challenges which life brings. It also brings changes which sometimes throws us into crisis. Be with us in such times in our Christian community. Like the early disciples help us in our common life to find your guidance in our collective decisions.

Help us to approach our decisions seeking your guidance through prayer. Help us to examine our own hearts for any unseemly motives. Help us to focus on the common good and not be driven by our own selfish interests. Help us to seek consensus and never be satisfied with power plays and divisiveness. Help us all to share in our mutual ministry. Lead us forward and help us to create a community where love, acceptance, and mutuality are expressed, where joy abounds, and where results are achieved because we are all working hand in hand together. May it be said of us as it was said of old: “See how those Christians love one another.”

Open the windows of our souls to the world and its needs. Although it is difficult to be physically present, support us in praying for others, especially those who we have named in our silent prayers. Encourage us in moments when we feel inadequate for the task and give us courage. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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SONG OF RESPONSE – Lead on O King Eternal

Melody

*Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace.*

*For not with swords’ loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy The heav’nly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning Where’er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o’er us, We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING Psalm 121:7-8

*The Lord keep you from all evil; the Lord keep your life.
The Lord keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth
and forevermore.*

People: Peace be with you!