

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Father's Day, June 21, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68

Leader: Come, sing praises to God!

People: **Rejoice in his presence!**

Leader: For he is our God: a Father to the fatherless,
and the defender of all who need protection;

People: **the One in whom the lonely find a home,
and the prisoner finds release.**

All: **Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation,
Who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Church of Scotland

**God our Parent, we gather to open our hearts to You,
trusting that You will welcome us with open arms.**

We come to worship You.

**The One who leads us through times of trial;
the One who supports us in sorrow and struggle;
the One who is beside us when all is bleak.**

Holy One, we praise You. Amen

SONG of PRAISE #370 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

**Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

ANTHEM Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling – Tom & Lisa

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 John 20:3-6a (Easy to Read Version)

So Peter and the other follower started going to the tomb. ⁴They were both running, but the other follower ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down and looked in. He saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter finally reached the tomb and went in.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, you neither slumber nor sleep in your watchful care for all creation. The knowledge of your vigilant protection gives us comfort and confidence. You hold us in strong arms. You sustain us through every hardship and sorrow. You are the light in our darkness and your presence brings perfect tranquility.

Great God, we thank you for those you have placed in our lives that have fathered us- men who are our biological fathers and others who have modeled your love. You place us in relationship so that we may experience the fullness of your love and forgiveness. We see You through their acts of kindness, patience and wisdom.

We lift up in prayer those who have never known a father's love or experienced your encompassing grace. Give them opportunities of love and care. We also remember those who struggle in relationship- show them your wisdom and peace. Some fathers of those who are gathered are eternally with you- lessen their sense of loss and grief that they may experience your love through their memories. We pray especially for those we have named in our silent prayers. We continue to pray for this church community and ask that your will be made known to us. Invigorate our discussions and empower us to act with integrity and energy. May your presence comfort, empower, heal and enable. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus, who taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG OF RESPONSE #298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There's no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There's no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord**

BENEDICTION I Peter 5:10

The God of all grace restores, establishes and strengthens you. Go now, refreshed by the Holy Spirit, strengthened in all wisdom and love, established as God's child and disciple.

People: Peace be with you!