

## PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, Communion Sunday

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 139

Leader: We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were Born,

**People: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

Leader: whose presence never leaves us,

**People: and whose love for us never ceases.**

Leader: This is our God.

**All: Let us worship God together!**

### SONG of PRAISE #293 This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears  
all nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world Oh let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet  
This is my Father's world the battle is not done Jesus who died shall be  
satisfied and earth and heaven be one.

### LITANY OF CONFESSION Psalm 139 Revs. Blain and Ressman

**People: You know our thoughts, our weakness, our motivations,  
our sins.**

Leader: And you still love us.

**People: Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or  
possible.**

Leader: When we wonder how You could love us just as we are,

**People: when we forget our intricate construction,**

Leader: fearfully, wonderfully made, in Your image!

**People: Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us  
from You.**

Leader: Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to  
trust anew.

**People: You know our hearts and you love us still. Amen**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: We love because God first loved us. Friends, believe the good news  
of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19a

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup>When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup>He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup>Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup>I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup>He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." <sup>18</sup>Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19a</sup>He called that place Bethel,

### ANTHEM

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. 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 Ruth 1:16 (Easy to Read Version)

*But Ruth said, "Don't force me to leave you! Don't force me to go back to my own people. Let me go with you. Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you sleep, I will sleep. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*God of our fathers and mothers—  
of all the generations who have come before us—  
holy is Your name.*

*We gather in Your presence with praise and thanksgiving  
for the faithful love You have shown Toward Your people,  
for the many blessings You have given to us.*

*Your promises are eternal,  
and they are backed by the honor of Your name.*

*Thank you for Your faithful presence among us,  
even when we are not fully aware of it.*

*Continue to reveal Yourself to us.*

*Open our eyes to see You here among us;*

*open our ears to hear Your Word.*

*For surely, You are with us in this place and everywhere.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.*

*Amen.*

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## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

**“Spirit”**

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness.**

**Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness. Stir me from placidness.**

**Wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,**

**Then You coaxed up the mountains. From the valley of sleep,**

**And over the eons You called to each thing,**

**“A wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**

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## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Prayer**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought**

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

Refrain:

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.*

*Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.*

Refrain

*Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in Mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine; Content,  
whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.*

Refrain

*And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.*

Refrain

## **BENEDICTION** Genesis 28:13-15

*I am the Lord your God,*

*the God of Abraham and Isaac.*

*Know that I am with you,*

*and will keep you wherever you go.*

*I will not leave you*

*until I have done everything that I have promised.*

**People: Peace be with you!**