

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 30, 2020**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Leader: For everything there is a season:

**People: And a time for every matter under heaven:**

Leader: A time to be born and a time to die.

**People: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

Leader: A time to break down, and a time to build up.

**People: A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

**All: God has made everything suitable for its time.**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE** Psalm 98 Revs. Blaine and Ressman

**O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen**

**SONG of PRAISE #267 All Things Bright and Beautiful**

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky.

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

Refrain

**SCRIPTURE**

**Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8; 11**

<sup>1</sup>There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, <sup>3</sup>a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, <sup>4</sup>a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, <sup>5</sup>a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, <sup>6</sup>a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, <sup>7</sup>a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, <sup>8</sup>a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

**ANTHEM**

**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** John 4:24 (Easy to Read Version)

*God is spirit. So the people who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*God of creation, of all time and space, sometimes we are so busy filling time that we forget to leave space. We need space to ponder, pray, and simply just to 'be'. You created order out of chaos and brought time into existence. We confess that there are instances when we use time in such a way as to invite chaos back into the world. We keep time, lose time, waste time, spend time, even kill time, as we fill each day and*

*night with a checklist of chores. Time is such a precious gift! For you have made everything suitable for its time.*

*This day, this hour, this minute, this second, we shall cherish time. Remind us that each day is a gift that offers opportunities for fullness of life. Help us to use time wisely, not only for our sense of control and calm but for your purposes. Let each of our days include the sharing of your love, the spread of your blessing, and the increase of your compassion. When each day is done, remind us to give thanks and look forward to whatever you have in store for us the next day. We pray as those who seek to follow Jesus. Amen.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **SONG OF RESPONSE #473 For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our grateful hymn of praise

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars  
of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our grateful hymn of praise

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight  
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our grateful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts  
and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our grateful hymn of praise

**BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24-26  
*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord  
make his face to shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his  
countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**People: Peace be with you!**