

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2020**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.**

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

**People: Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Leader: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

You have brought us again to new life, O God, and gathered us in this community to be your people as we work and witness in this world. Feed us today with the presence of our risen Lord, and breathe into us your Spirit, that we may be enabled in all we say and do to glorify your name. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**SONG of PRAISE #464 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they approached<sup>[a]</sup> Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, <sup>[b]</sup> fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**ANTHEM**

**Melody & Tom**

**SERMON**

**Nancy Coleman**

**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 Matthew 18:22 (Easy to Read Version)**

*Jesus answered, "I tell you, you must forgive them more than seven times. You must continue to forgive them even if they do wrong to you seventy-seven times."*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Lord, your word tells us to forgive. But how can we forgive when the hurt and pain we bear from the sin of others never goes away? Why should we let them off the hook? Yet we realize that without forgiveness, there can never be the peace we long for...not in our own hearts and not in a world that is full of bitterness and division. Without forgiveness, we are stuck where we are. And where we are is not a good place. So we commit today to do our part. We open our hearts to you and ask that you would help us, recognizing that apart from you, forgiveness is not possible.*

*Gracious God, as we pray for peace in our own hearts, we ask that you might bring peace, justice, and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honoring of human rights and for the relief of the oppressed.*

*We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love, and service. We pray for all ministers and all those who so faithfully serve this and other congregations.*

*We pray for this local community and for all the people in their daily life and work...for the elderly, for families, for all who are alone.*

*We pray for all those who are in need; for the sick, sorrowful, and bereaved and for all those who bring comfort, care, and healing.*

*All these things we ask in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying...*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **SONG OF RESPONSE #370 Just as I Am**

**Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest 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 Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Go in peace to love and care for one another in the name of Jesus,  
forgiving one another as you have been forgiven, and as you go may  
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore. Amen.*

**People: Peace be with you!**