

**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2020**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

All: Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary. Hallelujah!

SONG OF PRAISE #466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king, The triumphs of His grace!**

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.**

**My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Rev. Bruce Prewer

God our Savior, here we are with our faults but also with our gifts and loves.

Here we are, with the fruits of our wisdom but also with the weeds of our folly.

Here we are, bearing gratitude for our victories yet sorrow for our defeats.

**Here we are, aware of some sins but blind to others in our lives.
Here we are, wanting you to know it all, and asking you to forgive the ugly and rescue the beautiful.**

God our Savior, here we are, totally dependent on your gift of salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silence is kept.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is what our God says to those who repent and believe. "My daughter, my son, your sins are forgiven. Go in peace." That word is meant for you and for me; in its graciousness, we are set free. Thanks be to God! Amen.

FOR CHILDREN Matthew 22:21 (Easy to Read Version)

Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God."

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:15-22 NRSV

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

ANTHEM

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Life in Liturgy

Lord God, we give you thanks for all your gifts to us—for daily food, for health, for each breath we take, and for the gifts of your word, your power, and your love.

Help us, O God, as followers of Jesus, to spread your word even though it might be misunderstood, to love those whom others think worthy only of hate, to do good even to those who have not done good to us. Make us people who share in both word and deed that which you have given to us.

We pray for the church gathered today, both here and around the world, that it may encourage all of its members to discover, develop and use all their gifts, those of nature and those of grace.

We pray for those who are poor in body or in spirit, for those oppressed and heavy laden, for those sick or in despair. Minister by your Spirit and by us, to all those for whom we have prayed, and help us walk faithfully in the path of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG OF RESPONSE #525 Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, we are called to be God's representatives in our world today, bringing honor to God in all we do. Whether at home or safely out and about this week, may you give to God all that belongs to God...your thoughts, your words, your deeds, your very life. Amen.

People: Peace be with you!