

# PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: We make a joyful noise to you, O Lord, along with all the earth.

**People: We worship you with gladness; we come into your presence with grateful singing.**

Leader: We know Lord, that you are God. It is you that have made us, and we are yours. We are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

**People: We enter into your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise.**

Leader: We give thanks to you and bless your name.

**All: For you are good, O Lord; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE #417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, today: with your wonted loving-kindness hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.**

**3 Here bestow to all your servants what they ask of you to gain, what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**4 Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION - Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

Leader: Holy and gracious God, as we gather enlarge our hearts that they may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love and expansive enough to embrace others and show love to all. Refresh us and make us new by the power of your Spirit. Lead us in holiness, and show us the way of your grace and your mercy, your law and your righteousness, that we with all our brothers and sisters around the world, may shine with the light of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and, deed; by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.**

Leader: Lord God, have mercy on us according to your promise.

**People: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, touch us and make us whole.**

*Silence is kept.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### FOR CHILDREN 1 John 4:7 (Easy to Read Version)

*Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become God's child.*

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-46 NRSV

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they

realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## ANTHEM

## SERMON

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: With the Church of Jesus Christ around the world today, let us proclaim our common 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

**Rev. Abi**

*Lord as we gather around the table, everywhere and in every place; bless us all, your children. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, linking arms around the world, pour your grace into us all.*

*Grace us with your presence as we lift our prayers to you. May we see in each other your light and your love.*

*May you bring comfort to those who are grieving, lonely, heartbroken, ill or broken of spirit. May you strengthen those whose lives feel shattered or don't make sense, who are in crisis or are experiencing loss. May you speak the healing word to those who need it.*

*May you bring the human touch of love to those who have not been touched. May you love the unloved through us. May you shine your light into those whose world is covered in darkness. May you use us to feed the hungry, clothe the ones who need clothes, give a cup of water to those who are thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and those in prison.*

*May lives be awakened to you, Lord, to your love and to your kingdom, whose door is always open to all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## SONG OF PREPARATION

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Elements**

**Prayer**

**SONG OF RESPONSE #379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**  
**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**Refrain:**

**On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When Darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.**

**(Refrain)**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.**

**(Refrain)**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!**

**(Refrain)**

### BENEDICTION

**Rev. Richard J. Fairchild**

*Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ, and may God, who is in you and around you, uphold you in truth; may the Lord, who is before you and behind you, give you strength; and may the Spirit, who is to your left and to your right, inspire all your thoughts, words, and actions, both now and forevermore. Amen*