

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11, 2020**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst.

**People: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.**

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and our strength.

**People: We place ourselves before God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's Spirit. Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE #379 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

**1. 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.**

**2. 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)**

**3. 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)**

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

**(Refrain)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Book of Common Worship**  
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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

*Silence is kept.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**FOR CHILDREN Revelation 7:17 (Easy to Read Version)**

*God will lead them to springs of water that give life. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

**SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 25:1-9**

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup> For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup> the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      Book of Common Worship**

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer."  
For your church in every place that we may love and serve you faithfully. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.  
For leaders and people in every land, that they may know your way and do your will. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.  
For justice throughout the world, that there may be peace and plenty for all. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.  
For the earth you have made, that it may flourish in beauty and show your glory. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.  
For all those who hunger and thirst, that they may be filled with good things. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.  
For those who are ill or close to death, that they may know your loving care. Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.  
Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying...

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**SONG OF RESPONSE #210 Our God Our Help in Ages Past  
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.**

**Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.**

**BENEDICTION**

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.*

**People: Peace be with you!**