

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 8, 2020**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 34**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

**People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord. Let the humble hear and be glad.

**People: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.**

Leader: I sought the Lord, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**All: Look to the Lord and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

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

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.  
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.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Lord, you see how stubborn we are, how quickly we turn from you toward idols of our own making, how impatient we are when we do**

**not get what we think we deserve. We forget your providential care for us, the countless ways you provide, your gracious response to our cries for help. We do not think on things like justice and goodness. We are not known for our gentleness. We give in to the loud voices that tell us to tend to our own needs only and neglect the very ones you command us to feed. We cannot justify our behavior, we can only confess it, repent and ask again for your mercy. Forgive us, Lord, so that we can bear witness to your character of loving kindness. In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*The Lord's wrath relents, and God instead pours out mercy and grace. Our God refuses to give up on us and instead forgives and frees us. Friends, believe the exceedingly good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**FOR CHILDREN Matthew 7:12 (New English Translation)**

Treat others as you would want them to treat you.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Amos 5:18-24 NRSV**

<sup>18</sup> Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup> as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup> Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**ANTHEM**

## SERMON

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### 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

Lord of all, Lord of conscience, Lord of love, we lament the state of our life together. We sow division rather than seek unity. We demonize instead of love one another. How did we get to this place? How will we ever bridge the gaps between us? Where do we go from here?

We know, gracious God, that we cannot mend all the torn places in the fabric of our country. The rips are too big, the ongoing pulling apart too strong. We know, too, almighty God, that nothing is impossible for you. You bring close those far off from you and those far apart from each other. You promise to do abundantly more than we can ever hope or imagine. You call us to bold ministries of repair and reconciliation, justice and mercy. You command us to love our neighbors, love our enemies, love in ways inexplicably and immeasurably powerful through your Spirit.

As we pray and work, may we follow Jesus so completely that we cannot help but see him everywhere and in all people. Pour out your power, show us your way, turn us toward you and heal our nation. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying...

### LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

Opportunities are Easytithe <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/pfpc>  
C&F Bank for PFPC and mail to P.O. Box 239

**SONG OF RESPONSE - #341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**  
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

#### Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

#### Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His  
Love.

#### Refrain

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### BENEDICTION

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**People: Peace be with you!**

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