

**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Interim Pastor	Rev. Nancy Coleman
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THE SESSION 2021

Ginny Adamson (Worship) T1	2021-2023
Tom Ballou (Outreach) T1	2020-2021
Allison Christian (Fellowship) T1	2019-2021
Johanna Davis (Youth & Young Adult) T2	2020-2022
Davis Gammon (Stewardship) T1	2021-2023
Jamie Gray (Good Sam) T1	2019-2021
Ruth Hopke (Policy & Personnel) T2	2020-2022
Ayars Lore (Buildings & Grounds, PTP) T1	2019-2021
Leigh Quick (Clerk of Session) T2	2021-2023
Nathan Richards (Planning & Finance) T1	2020-2022
Patricia Robinson (Christian Ed.) T1	2021-2023
Jim Wallace (Nominating) T1	2020-2022



**Providence Forge
Presbyterian Church**

To further God's Kingdom on Earth, one soul at a time.

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Ginny Adamson

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Melody Raef

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

***SONG OF PRAISE** #275 Great is Thy Faithfulness

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

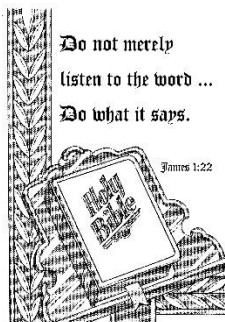
Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. (Time of silence)

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME FOR CHILDREN James 1:22 (ICV)



Do what God's teaching says;
do not just listen and do nothing.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9 NRSV, Pew Bible pp 140-141
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 NRSV, Pew Bible pp 818-819

SERMON Rev. Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

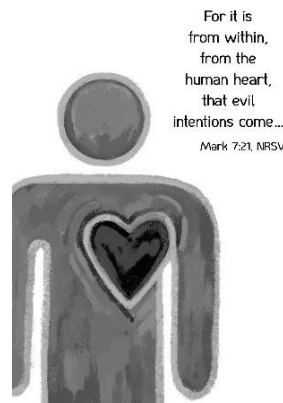
OFFERING

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #391 Take My Life

***BENEDICTION**

People: Peace be with you!

POSTLUDE Melody Raef



Liturgy not otherwise attributed is adapted from Teri McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook

****All who are able are invited to stand***