

**PROVIDENCE FORGE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 17, 2023**

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

**PRELUDE** Melody Raef

**WELCOME** Barbara Lore

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION** Melody Raef

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 113: 1-3*

Leader: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.

**People:** Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**All:** Praise the Lord!

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #226 *Sing Praise Unto the Name of God*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** *I John 1:8-9*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Book of Common Worship*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** *Romans 8:34*

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you ... And also with you.

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

*Exodus 3:3*

So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

**BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS**

**5 CENTS A MEAL**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 113; Pew Bible p. 491*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Matthew 18:21-35; Pew Bible p. 800*

**ANTHEM**

Nearer My God To Thee

**SERMON**

"Forgiveness"

Rev. Dr Cindy Kissel-Ito

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles Creed (Traditional); Hymnal p. 14*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)**

*Hymnal p. 16*

**WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*#592 Doxology*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING** #538 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Melody Raef



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Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

### THE SESSION 2023

#### Clerk of Session

Ginny Taylor 2021-2023

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Ayars Lore 2022-2024

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Ayars Lore 2022-2024

Nathan Richards 2023-2025

#### Christian Life

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Patricia Robinson 2021-2023

Jo White 2022-2024

#### Community & Mission

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to our church family



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