

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - April 28th, 2024—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made (#389)*
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude *Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah (#613)*
*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

LEADER: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

PEOPLE: **Know that the Lord is God.**
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

ALL: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;**
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *How Great Thou Art, #44*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1*

Q. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 56:9b-11

"This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 4:11-12

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

OFFERTORY

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (Getty)

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Speak O Lord*

- 1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.**

- 2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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SERMON

Psalm 118
“The Lord is On My Side”

David Hina

*HYMN OF RESPONSE*Every Promise of Your Word*

- 1. From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
And on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**
- 2. When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**
- 3. When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land, you will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**
- 4. Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *Gloria Patri, #735*

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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Providence MAY Birthdays

6 Eliza Meiners

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