

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021—11:00 a.m.**

Song of Ascent

*My Dwelling Place (Getty)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Please stand if you are able.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 96:1-6

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

PEOPLE: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

PEOPLE: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

LEADER: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

ALL: **Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, #92*

\*INVOCATION

## GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: ***We believe* in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

***We believe* in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Isaiah 29:13

*“The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.”*

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 10:16-18

*“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,’ then he adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”*

\*SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:31-47

REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... *Good Shepherd of My Soul*

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| <p><b>1. Good Shepherd of my soul<br/>Come dwell within me.<br/>Take all I am and mould<br/>Your likeness in me.<br/>Before the cross of Christ<br/>This is my sacrifice:<br/>A life laid down<br/>And ready to follow.</b></p> <p><b>2. The troubled find their peace<br/>In true surrender.<br/>The prisoners their release<br/>From chains of anger.<br/>In springs of living grace<br/>I find a resting place<br/>To rise refreshed,<br/>Determined to follow.</b></p> | <p><b>3. I'll walk this narrow road<br/>With Christ before me<br/>Where thorns and thistles grow<br/>And cords ensnare me.<br/>Though doubted and denied<br/>He never leaves my side<br/>But lifts my head<br/>And calls me to follow.</b></p> <p><b>4. And when my days are gone<br/>My strength is failing<br/>He'll carry me along<br/>Through death's unveiling<br/>Earth's struggles overcome<br/>Heav'n's journey just begun<br/>To search Christ's depths<br/>And ever to follow.</b></p> |
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\*HYMN OF RESPONSE ..... *Lead On, O King Eternal, #580*

**GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT**

\*BENEDICTION

1 Timothy 6:13-16

*"In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command to fight the good fight without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever!"*

\*Closing Hymn..... *Doxology, #731*

POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched (RUF)*

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1*

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

## Lead On, O King Eternal

*I am the LORD your God ... who directs you in the way you should go. Is. 48:17*

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

**Providence JULY Birthdays**

6 Carmen Wessler

10 Albert McAllister

16 Amy Meiners

17 Brad Mueller

22 Caleb Hina