PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REFLECTION

"Grant, Almighty God, that as we are so inclined to hypocrisy, we may learn strictly to examine ourselves, and to descend into our own consciences, so that none of us may sleep in self-delusion, but be so displeased with our hidden vices, so as to aspire after, and with every care and labor, to attain true religion, and so strive to devote ourselves wholly to you, that we may groan under the burden of our sins, and so pleadingly flee to your mercy, as at the same time to be touched with true penitence, until having at length put off the corruptions of our flesh, we shall be received into that purity which has been prepared for us in heaven by Jesus Christ our Lord.."

- John Calvin, "Commentaries on the Twelve Minor Prophets," V 5, p 176-7.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - July 19th, 2020—10:45 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements Prelude

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 33:18-22

LEADER: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

PEOPLE: that he may deliver their soul from death

and keep them alive in famine.

LEADER: Our soul waits for the Lord;

he is our help and our shield.

PEOPLE: For our heart is glad in him,

because we trust in his holy name.

ALL: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE Father, Father of All Things, #106

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—

^{*}INVOCATION

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

"And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

"For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

1 Peter 2:24-25

Psalm 51:16-17

Matthew 9:10-13

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 23:23-26

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

- 1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
 All to leave and follow Thee.
 Destitute, despised, forsaken,
 Thou from hence my all shall be.
 Perish every fond ambition,
 All I've sought or hoped or known.
 Yet how rich is my condition!
 God and heaven are still my own.
- 2. Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue. O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.
- 3. Man may trouble and distress me, Twill but drive me to Thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me; Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

- 4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
 Come disaster, scorn and pain
 In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
 With Thy favor, loss is gain
 I have called Thee Abba Father,
 I have stayed my heart on Thee
 Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
 All must work for good to me.
- 5. Soul, then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station,
 Something still to do or bear.
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
 Think what Father's smiles are thine,
 Think that Jesus died to win thee,
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine.
- 6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
 Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
 Heaven's eternal days before thee,
 God's own hand shall guide us there.
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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SERMON Zechariah 7:1-14 Rev. David Hina "The Marks of True Religion"

GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

*Closing Hymn...... The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning, new every morning: Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, Great is Thy faithfulness!

Father, Father of All Things

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Ps. 116:12, 13



Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Rom. 12:1



Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7. John Stainer, The Crucifixion, 1887

Providence JULY Birthdays

- 6 Carmen Wessler
- 10 Albert McAllister
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