

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Song of Ascent

*He Lifted Me (#651)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (#87)*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

LEADER: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

PEOPLE: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

LEADER: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

PEOPLE: **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

LEADER: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

PEOPLE: **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

LEADER: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

PEOPLE: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE ..... *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, #30*

\*INVOCATION

## GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Westminster Confession of Faith, 19.2-3*

**19.2. [The moral] law, after Adam fell, continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness and, as such, was given by God upon Mount Sinai in ten commandments written on two stone tablets. The first four commandments contain our duty to God, the other six our duty to man.**

**19.3. In addition to this law..., God was pleased to give the people of Israel—as the church under age—ceremonial laws, which contained several typological ordinances. These ordinances consisted partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, his graces, actions, sufferings, and benefits, and partly of various instructions of moral duties. All these ceremonial laws are now done away with under the New Testament.**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Samuel 15:22

*“And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.”*

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 1:3-4

*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father...”*

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:1-14

OFFERTORY

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul (Indelible Grace)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... *Like a River Glorious, #699*

SERMON

Psalm 40  
**“The God Who Helps”**

Rev. David Hina

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE ..... *He Lifted Me, #651*

**GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT**

\*BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

*“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”*

\*Closing Hymn ..... *The Steadfast Love*

**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!**

POSTLUDE

*Our God Our Help in Ages Past (#30)*

## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The first system includes a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, C, F, C, Am, Dm, G, C, F, Am, Em, Am, D, G. The lyrics are: 1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure; 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

The second system also includes a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, F, Dm, G, C, F, E, F, C, F, C, Dm, G, C, F. The lyrics are: our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home: suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure. from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same. short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by your flood,  
and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

## Like a River Glorious

*I will extend peace to her like a river. Is. 66:12*

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver  
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er  
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up -

all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it  
 foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of  
 on our di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust him

flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er  
 wor - ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry, touch the  
 ful - ly all for us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him

## REFRAIN

all the way.  
 spir - it there. Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,  
 whol - ly true.

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

*He lifted me ... out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock. Ps. 40:2*

1. In lov - ing - kind - ness Je - sus came my soul in mer - cy  
 2. He called me long be - fore I heard, be - fore my sin - ful  
 3. His brow was pierced with man - y a thorn, his hands by cru - el  
 4. Now on a high - er plane I dwell, and with my soul I

to re - claim, and from the depths of sin and shame  
 heart was stirred, but when I took him at his word,  
 nails were torn, when from my guilt and grief, for - lorn,  
 know 'tis well; yet how or why, I can - not tell,

thro' grace he lift - ed me.  
 for - giv'n he lift - ed me.  
 in love he lift - ed me.  
 he should have lift - ed me.  
 He lift - ed me.  
 From sink - ing sand he

lift - ed me, with ten - der hand he lift - ed me, from shades of night

to plains of light, oh, praise his name, he lift - ed me!

**Providence AUGUST Birthdays**

2 Faith Williams

22 Mary Randall