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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



a congregation of The Presbyterian Church in America

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SERMON NOTES

September 3rd, 2017—11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*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.

PEOPLE: For the Lord is good and

his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues

through all generations.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

^{*}HYMN OF PRAISE #38

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow him.

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GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*Closing Hymn #726

Spirit of the Living God

Postlude

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I 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.

I 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

Jeremiah 9:23-24a

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me..."

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have sought our own way, through pride, hypocrisy, and selfcenteredness in our lives, rather than trusting in your goodness and your wisdom. Accept our repentance for the wrongs we have done, and for unforgiving thoughts toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, for your mercy is great. Hear us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 3:8-9

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

*NT Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #585

Take My Life, and Let It Be

SERMON
"The Vanity of Wisdom"

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
Rev. David Hina

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.