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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



a congregation of The Presbyterian Church in America

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sermon Notes

April 15th, 2018—11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements
Prelude

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:22-24,29

PASTOR: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

PEOPLE: **This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

PASTOR: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PEOPLE: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #342
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*INVOCATION

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.

CHORUS

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit.

CHORUS

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GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

*Closing Hymn #731 *Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *WCF 16.1-2 (Good Works)*

16.1. *Good works* are only such as God has commanded in his holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant of Scripture, are devised by men out of blind zeal or any pretense of good intention.

16.2. These *good works*, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, build up their fellow believers, adorn the profession of the gospel, shut the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God. They are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, so that, bearing fruit unto holiness, they may attain the outcome, which is eternal life.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a while, then withdrew them, because the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak your truth. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of suffering. I closed them, because I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my weak efforts to serve you – only when it is convenient for me, only in those places where it is safe, and only with those who make it easy.

Father, forgive us, renew us, help us take seriously the meaning of your cross. Send us out as your instruments, O Lord. Amen.

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jeremiah 31:33-34

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: *“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for*

they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

*SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:19-22

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION#338
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

SERMON 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
“A Building Built to Last” Rev. David Hina

*HYMN OF RESPONSE O How Good It Is

**Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.**

CHORUS

**So with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we’ll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**