

Prospect Presbyterian Church

Order for Worship

April 29, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Greeting

God is good.
All the time.
 And all the time.
God is good.

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
 Beloved, let us love one another.
We love because God first loved us.
 Let us worship God.

***Hymn #401 Here In This Place**

**1. Here in this place the new light is streaming;
 now is the darkness vanished away;
 see in this space our fears and our dreamings
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
 gather us in, the blind and the lame;
 call to us now, and we shall awaken;
 we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2. We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
 We are the old who yearn for your face.
 We have been sung throughout all of history,
 called to be light to the whole human race.
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
 gather us in, the proud and the strong;
 give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
 give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3. Here we will take the wine and the water;
 here we will take the bread of new birth.
 Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
 call us anew to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 not in some heaven, light years away:
 here in this place the new light is shining;
 now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
 Gather us in and hold us forever;
 gather us in and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Guide us in our worship today, Holy Spirit. As we hear words of love and challenge, move through us calling us to act upon them. As we sing praises, may our hearts be lightened. Inspire us to reconnect with you in ways we never imagined possible; to be changed because we have been here to worship our God. Amen.

***Response: #589 Alleluia, Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the Lord is risen indeed.

Aleluya, aleluya.

Aleluya, aleluya.

Aleluya, aleluya.

El Señor resucitó.

THE WORD**Prayer for Illumination****First reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Second Reading John 15:1-8

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The Word of God for the people of God.

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Sermon

Love and Community

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #480 Take Me to the Water**

1. Take me to the water.

Take me to the water.

Take me to the water

to be baptized.

2. I love Jesus.

I love Jesus.

I love Jesus,

yes, I do.

3. He's my Savior.

He's my Savior.

He's my Savior,

yes, he is.

4. Glory hallelujah.

Glory hallelujah.

Glory hallelujah

to be baptized.

Baptism of Eleanor Rose Blutner and Naa Oyoo D. Quist
Reception of New Members James Carli, Cecil Quist and Patience Quaye

Presentation

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

PROFESSION

***The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

WELCOME

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*A sign of peace is exchanged.*)

Offering

Musical Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

*Hymn #246 Christ Is Alive!

**1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

**3. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,**

**Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*Benediction and Congregational Response

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.**

Postlude