

**Worship For Celebration of Mission and Ministry
2017-2018
June 10, 2018**

Pre-Service Music

Greeting

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

GATHERING in God's Name

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.
On the day I called, you answered me.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Thanks be to God!
Let us worship God.

***Hymn #645 Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above**

**1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

**2. What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!**

**3. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!**

**4. Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as your people, but we seek out other saviors. You welcome us into your house, but we bring conflict and division.

Forgive us, God of grace. Restore and rebuild us so that we may be ready to live in the eternal home you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*** The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Response: Hymn #547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing vs 2**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you,
 what I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
 here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

Worship Planning Ministry – Anne Fernald**Proclaiming God’s Word****Prayer for Illumination****First reading 1 Samuel 8:4-20 ; 11:14-15**

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The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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Lay Speakers – Bela Gajary

***Hymn – 829 My Faith Looks Up To Thee**

1. My faith looks up to thee,
 thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine!
 Now hear me while I pray;
 take all my guilt away;
 O let me from this day
 be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart
 strength to my fainting heart,
 my zeal inspire;
 as thou hast died for me,
 O may my love to thee
 pure, warm, and changeless be,
 a living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread
 and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide;
 bid darkness turn to day;
 wipe sorrow's tears away;
 nor let me ever stray
 from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
 when death's cold, sullen stream
 shall o'er me roll;
 blest Savior, then, in love,
 fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 a ransomed soul!

***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

Finance Ministry – Nancy Shields

Offering

Musical Offering

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
 Chancel Choir

arr. Dwight Elrich

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

***Prayer/ 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

Prospect Hunger Program – David Harris

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 736 I Want To Be As Close To You**

**1. I want to be as close to you
as she who gave you birth.
Christ Jesus, let my "yes," like hers,
bring blessings on our earth.**

**2. I want to be as close to you
as was beloved John.
Christ, let me follow where you lead,
by trust and friendship drawn.**

**3. I want to be as close to you
as Magdalene who went,**

**proclaiming news of death's defeat,
your first apostle sent.**

**4. You want to be as close to me
as mother, brother, friend.
Christ, keep me faithful to your love,
a love that has no end.**

**5. Like Mary, John, and Magdalene,
make us disciples true.
Like mother, brother, sister, friend,
Christ, keep us close to you.**

***Benediction**

Hymn #305, "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" v 2

**2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!**

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

Postlude