

Prospect Presbyterian Church
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Arioso

Geogre Frideric Handel

Stuart Bernath, guest organist

Greeting

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

Call To Worship

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to God Most High; to declare God's steadfast love in the morning and God's faithfulness at nighttime.

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish; no matter their age, they bear fruit and remain lush and fresh, proclaiming: The Lord is righteous! God is my rock!

Let us worship God.

***Hymn # 307 God of Grace and God of Glory**

**1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

Forgiving God, we confess that so often we block the idea that you chose us to follow our own special path. We choose fear over love and bury our God-given gifts.

Forgive us, O God.

We confess those times we fail to notice that others have gifts to express, yet the Body of Christ needs all of its members to flourish.

Forgive us, O God.

We confess those times we are jealous of others and crush and obstruct their gifts, denying that they too are chosen.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us to see that the loss of our gifts withholds your light from the world and grant us the courage to live as your chosen people.

Amen.

***Words of Grace**

Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

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

***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.”**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Children's Chat

Rev. Harry Tysen

Second reading: Mark 4:26-34

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Power of Little Things

Rev. Harry Tysen

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 771 What Is the World Like**

1. What is the world like when God's will is done?

**Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive;
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.**

2. What is the world like when God's will is done?

**Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.**

3. What is the world like when God's will is done?

**No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.**

4. What is the world like when God's will is done?

**Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.**

5. These are the stories that Jesus imparts,

**filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.**

***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.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Musical Offering -

Shine, Jesus Shine
Stuart Bernath, organist

Graham Kendrick

***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 of Dedication/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 OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Recognition of Graduates

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 # 684 Faith Begins by Letting Go**

**1. Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.**

**2. Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;**

**promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.**

**3. Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

***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

Praeludium
Stuart Bernath

Hermann Schroeder