

Prospect Presbyterian Church
August 12, 2018
Order For Worship
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Greeting

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

Call To Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are those who trust in God.
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.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit,
yet we waste away in sin and grief.
You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of
grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your beloved
children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***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.
(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: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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**The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God**

Children's Chat

Rev. Samuel A. Schreiner III

Second reading: Mark 4:26-32

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

Sermon*What in the World is God Up to?*

Rev. Samuel A. Schreiner III

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***Hymn #435 There is a Wideness in God's Mercy**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
 like the wideness of the sea.
 There's a kindness in God's justice,
 which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows
 are more felt than up in heaven.
 There is no place where earth's failings
 have such kindly judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader
 than the measures of the mind.
 And the heart of the Eternal
 is most wonderfully kind.
 If our love were but more faithful,
 we would gladly trust God's Word,
 and our lives reflect thanksgiving
 for the goodness of our Lord.

***Affirmation of Faith- 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

*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

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 #754 Help Us Accept Each Other

**1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.**

**2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.**

**3. Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness,
and laughter's healing art.**

**4. Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us; make us one!**

*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