

Prospect Presbyterian Church

August 19, 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

**Sing psalms and hymns,
Sing spiritual songs together.
Sing! Make music for our God.
Giving thanks to God always,
in your hearts, and here as one people of God.**

***Hymn # 413 Come into God's Presence**

- 1. Come into God's presence singing
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."**

- 2. Come into God's presence singing
"Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."**

- 3. Praise the Lord together singing
"Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb."**

- 4. Praise the Lord together singing
"Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

**God, sometimes we are not careful in the way we live;
we act without wisdom, let wickedness rule our way. We are sorry for our foolishness.**

Pause.

**God, sometimes we fill ourselves with anything but your Spirit,
our singing is off-key, and we can become drunk on success, anger, greed, or pride ...
We are sorry for our self-indulgence.**

***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: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18;2:1-18

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

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Children's Chat

Rev. Harry Tysen

Second reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

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

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Sermon

Searching for Happiness

Rev. Harry Tysen

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #308 O God in Whom All Life Begins

1. O God in whom all life begins,
 who births the seed to fruit,
 bestow your blessing on our lives;
 here let your love find root.
 Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
 of patience, joy, and peace;
 deliver us from numbing fear,
 and grant our faith increase.

2. Unite in mutual ministry
 our minds and hands and hearts
 that we may have the grace to seek
 the power your peace imparts.

So let our varied gifts combine
 to glorify your Name
 that in all things by word and deed
 we may your love proclaim.

3. Through tears and laughter, grief
 and joy,
 enlarge our trust and care;
 so bind us in community
 that we may risk and dare.
 Be with us when we gather here
 to worship, sing, and pray;
 then send us forth in power and faith
 to live the words we say.

*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 # 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**1. Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

**Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.**

**Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.**

**2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.**

**Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?**

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

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