

Prospect Presbyterian Church
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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 #399 God Welcomes All

**God welcomes all,
 strangers and friends;
 God's love is strong
 and it never ends.**

***Hymn #429 As A Chalice Cast of Gold**

**1. As a chalice cast of gold,
 burnished, bright and brimmed with wine,
 make me, Lord, as fit to hold
 grace and truth and love divine.
 Let my praise and worship start
 with the cleansing of my heart.**

**2. Save me from the soothing sin
 of the empty cultic deed
 and the pious, babbling din
 of the claimed but un-lived creed.
 Let my actions, Lord, express
 what my tongue and lips profess.**

**3. When I bend upon my knees,
 clasp my hands, or bow my head,
 let my spoken, public pleas
 be directly, simply said,
 free of tangled words that mask
 what my soul would plainly ask.**

**4. When I dance or chant your praise,
 when I sing a psalm or hymn,
 when I preach your loving ways,
 let my heart add its Amen.
 Let each cherished outward rite
 thus reflect your inward light.**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession of Sin**

God, we know only too well how it feels to be assessed and judged because of age, gender, nationality, or appearance. And we confess that we have too readily done the same to others. We confess that we have damaged others by grouping them based on external criteria, on our own assumptions and prejudices. We confess that we have often found it easier to assign people to categories than we have to get to know them for who they are. Forgive us we pray. 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.
 (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response: Hymn #591 Halle, Halle, Halle! (Refrain)**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**Prayer for Illumination**

First reading: James 2:1-17

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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: Mark 7:24-37

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Sermon

Open and Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***Hymn #693 Though I May Speak**

**1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
 and have the gift to all inspire,
 and have not love, my words are vain,
 as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**2. Though I may give all I possess,
 and striving so my love profess,**

**but not be given by love within,
 the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
 our spirits long to be made whole.
 Let inward love guide every deed;
 by this we worship, and are freed.**

***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 (Guided Meditation)

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 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 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 #265 Jesus Shall Reign**

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,**

**and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5. Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

***Benediction and Congregational Response -Hymn #515 I Come With Joy v. 5**

**5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

Postlude