

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 30, 2018

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**

*Rock of Ages*

Thomas Hastings

**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.**

Let our words and thoughts be acceptable to God;

**the Lord is our rock and our redeemer.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #641 *When In Our Music God Is Glorified***

**1. When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried:  
Alleluia!**

**2. How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!**

**3. So has the church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
Alleluia!**

**4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
Alleluia!**

**5. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
Alleluia!**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Confession of Sin**

**God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity.**

**We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us,  
act like us, or look like us.**

**Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us  
different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion  
and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

**\*Words of Grace**

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

**\*The Peace Rick**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*A sign of peace is exchanged.*

**\*Response: *Peace Be With You***(music on insert)

**Ji-jo-ho ni tin.**  
**Ji-jo-ho ni tin,**  
**po-ome-po-po, a-men,**  
**po-ome-po-po, a-men.**

**Peace be with you.**  
**Peace be with you,**  
**and with all of us, amen**  
**and with all of us, amen.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD****Prayer for Illumination****First reading: James 5:13-20**

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

**Children's Chat**

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

**Second reading: Mark 9:38-50**

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**Sermon***For and Against*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD****\*Hymn #797 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal***

**1. We cannot measure how you heal**  
**or answer every sufferer's prayer,**  
**yet we believe your grace responds**  
**where faith and doubt unite to care.**  
**Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,**  
**survive to hold and heal and warn,**  
**to carry all through death to life**  
**and cradle children yet unborn.**

2. The pain that will not go away,  
 the guilt that clings from things long past,  
 the fear of what the future holds,  
 are present as if meant to last.  
 But present too is love which tends  
 the hurt we never hoped to find,  
 the private agonies inside,  
 the memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need your help  
 and some have come to make amends,  
 as hands which shaped and saved the world  
 are present in the touch of friends.  
 Lord, let your Spirit meet us here  
 to mend the body, mind, and soul,  
 to disentangle peace from pain,  
 and make your broken people whole.

**\*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**

**Congregational Response: The name of your son Jesus is our power.**

**Last Response: The name of your son Jesus is our power.  
 Thank you, O God, for the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Offering**

Musical Offering

*Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*  
 Chancel Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

**\*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**

**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 #44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us***

**1. Like a mother who has borne us,  
held us close in her delight,  
fed us freely from her body,  
God has called us into life.**

**2. Like a father who has taught us,  
grasped our hand and been our guide,  
lifted us and healed our sorrows,  
God has walked with us in life.**

**3. Though as children we have wandered,  
placed our trust in power and might,  
left behind our brothers, sisters,  
God still calls us into life.**

**4. When we offer food and comfort,  
grasp our neighbor's hand in love,  
tread the path of peace and justice,  
God still walks with us in life.**

**\*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**