



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

May 5th 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to Him as both Liberator and Lord.

GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE
GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude:

Mrs. Laura Scott

Exhortation:

The World is Mercy Poor

Call to Worship (Please Stand)

Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 18:20; 28:19

People: Amen

Salutation: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you!

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 121:1-2

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down.!

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker. *(Let all who are able kneel)*

Psalm 95:6

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to You. For this reason, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely Your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:38

**All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.
Amen!**

Hymn of Faith:

People: Amen.

Blest is the Man (Insert)



Blest is the Man

Isaac Watts, 1719

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Anonymous American, 1835
adapt. Gregory D. Wilbur, 2008

1 Dm F Gm B \flat Dm Gm F

1. Blest is the man, for - ev - er blest, Whose guilt is
2. Blest is the man to whom the Lord Im - putes not
3. From guile his heart and lips are free; His hum - ble
4. How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness That hides and

6 B \flat F C sus C Dm Am Gm Am Dm

par - doned by His God; Whose sins with sor - row are con -
his in - iq - ui - ties; He pleads no mer - it of re -
joy, his ho - ly fear, With deep re - pen - tance well a -
can - cels all his sins, While a bright ev - i - dence of

11 C B \flat F Gm B \flat Dm

fessed, And cov - ered with his Sav - ior's blood.
ward, And not on works, but grace re - lies.
gree, And join to prove his faith sin - cere.
grace Through his whole life ap - pears and shines!

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Church

GOD CONSECRATES AND RAISES US UP TO HEAVEN

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us Give Thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so.

SANCTUS

Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho-san-na in the High - est!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 32

Pastor: Happy is he whose transgression is forgiven,

People: Whose impurity is covered up.

Happy is the man to whom Yahweh does not impute liability,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

In my groaning all the day,

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me.

My best oil was turned into the droughts of summer. Selah.

My impurity I acknowledged to you,

And my liability I did not cover up.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh";

And you forgave the liability of my impurity. Selah.

For this, let every loyal one pray to you in a time for finding you;

Surely when many waters rise they will not reach him.

You are my hiding place; from oppression you preserve me;

With songs of deliverance you surround me. Selah.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should walk;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse, like a mule, having no understanding.

By bit and bridle he is harnessed for control; He does not come near you.

Many are the pains of the wicked one;

But he who trusts in Yahweh: loyalty surrounds him.

Be glad in Yahweh and rejoice, you righteous ones,

And sing out, all you who are upright in heart!

Amen

All: Yes. AMEN!

CONFESSION OF THE NICENE CREED

(Please Remain Standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SUNG LORD'S PRAYER (Back Cover of Hymnal)

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your steadfast love endures forever!

READING OF GOD'S WORD (Please Stand)

New Covenant Reading: *Titus 1:1-9*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading: *1 Peter 5:1-5*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: *John 21:15-19*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee! (Insert)**

People: Amen.

SERMON

Pastor: Alan Stout

Title: Elders: A Response to Suffering (Outline on back page)

Text: 1 Peter 5:1-5

OFFERTORY (Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Hymn of Faith: **The Day of Resurrection (Insert)**

People: Amen.

OPENING OF WORSHIP

581 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

G D7 G D

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

G C Am G D7 G

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!

D G D G D7 B Em A D

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

G C Am G D G

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933), P.D.

Music (HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D): Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt., P.D.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.

We present ourselves as living sacrifices,

And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings

In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,

The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world. Amen.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please Be Seated)

Passing of the Bread: **("The Lord be with you" "The Lord bless you")**

Passing of the Wine: **("The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you")**

Congregational Response: **Gloria Patri**

(Please Stand with Hands Raised)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, A-men, A-men.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

The Lord's Commission:

Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

People: Let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever. AMEN!

Psalm 145:21

Closing Hymn:

Come, Christians Joy to Sing (Insert)

People: Amen!

Benediction:

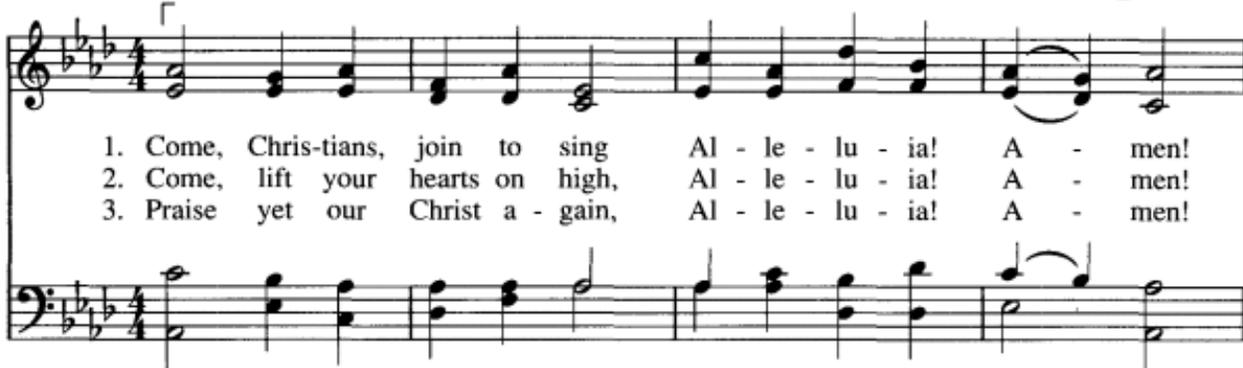
Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

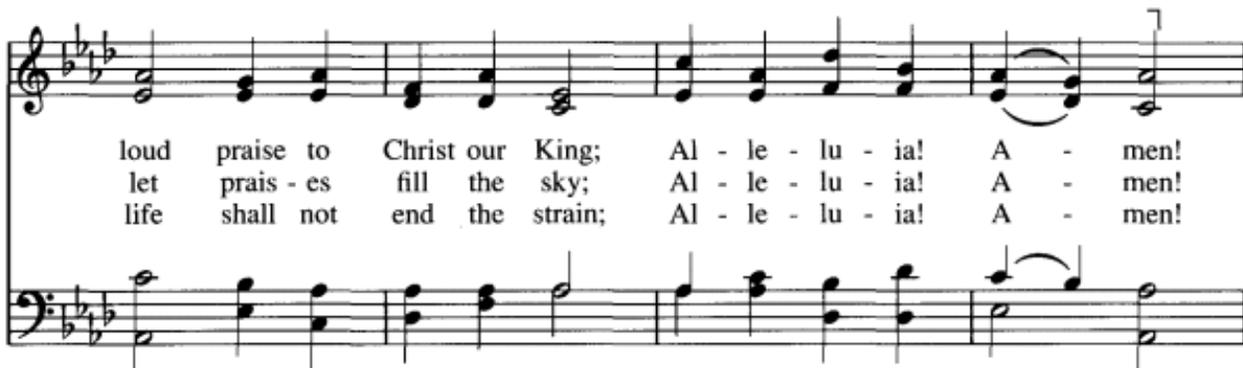
Pastor: Go in Peace to Love and to Serve our Risen Lord!

All: Amen!

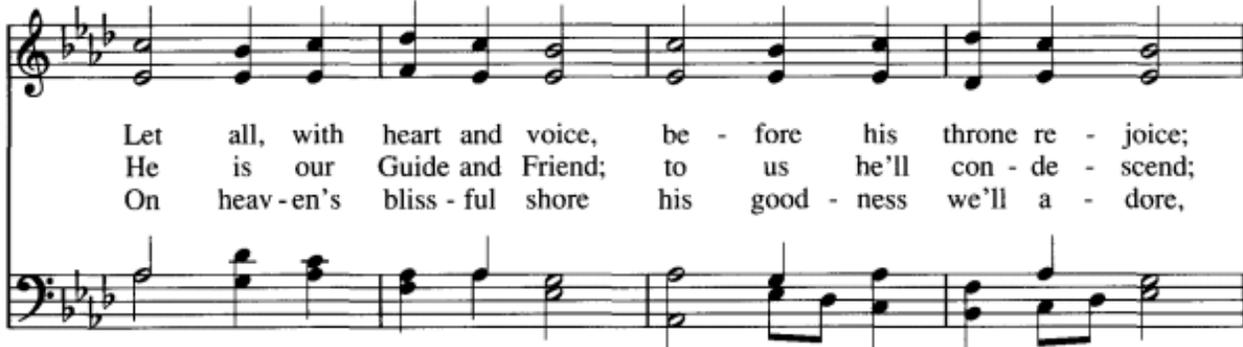
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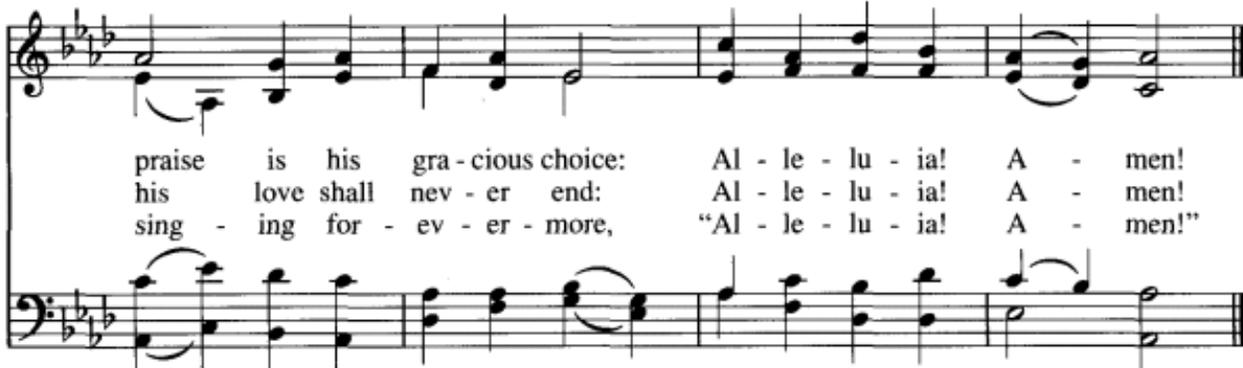
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

WORDS: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

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♪ On the middle stanzas, consider having only the men and then only the women sing the first part of each line, with the whole congregation joining on the "Alleluia."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

May 7	@6:00am	Men's Study Chick-Fil-A 9 Mile Rd	Jeremiah chapter 10
May 15	@5:00pm	Drop in Celebration – Levi Harris and Mandy Nowak wedding	Northminster Presbyterian Church
May 19	@2:00pm	Tea for Lydia Slaughter	Drop in diaper/wipes shower at Lydia's home: 1995 Wyatt St
Jun 5	@5:30pm	Vespers Service Pizza and Salad Meal	No Vespers in May
Jun 9	Wear Red	Pentecost Sunday Picnic	No Fellowship Meal at the end of May.

OUTLINE

- I. Suffering people need elders who can lead in that suffering.
 - a. There may be a temptation at the end of all this discussion of 1 Peter 1-4 is to say that the suffering of the people is only to be finally addressed by God's care for the soul. That the soul is the only real thing. Several heresies have sprung up from such an interpretation.
 - i. Peter pleads with the elders, as a fellow elder, to care for the Sheep
 - ii. The Church is to be a witness of Christ's Suffering.
 - b. He urges them to shepherd the church of Christ, the flock of God, from this position of expectant witness.
 - c. Jesus Christ is the Archetype, the Arche-Shepherd, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep.
- II. Those who are younger in the faith, be subject to the elders in the faith.

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