



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

September 1st, 2024

15th Sunday After Pentecost

*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. **

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I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Capo 3:

Em G Em Bm Em G D G

1. Far, far a - way from my lov - ing Fa - ther, I had been wan - d'ring, way - ward, wild,
2. Fain had I fed on the husks a - round me, Till to my - self I came, and said,
3. "I will a - rise, though faint and wear - y, Home to my Fa - ther I will go;
4. "Fa - ther," I'll say, "I have sinned before Thee, No more may I be called Thy son;
5. Then I a - rose and came to my Fa - ther— Mer - cy a - maz - ing! love un - known!

Refrain: I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;

D G Em C Em Bm Em Return to Refrain

Fear - ing on - ly lest His an - ger O - ver - take His sin - ful child.
 "Plen - ty have my Fa - ther's ser - vants, Per - ish I for want of bread."
 Woe is me that e'er I wan - d'ered; Ah, that I such need should know!
 Make me on - ly as Thy ser - vant, Pit - y me, a wretch un - done!"
 He be - held me, ran, em - braced me, Par - doned, wel - comed, called me "son!"

In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, Oh, there are ten thou - sand charms.

Music: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Text: *Gospel Songs*, 1874

RESTORATION

Irregular

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

Prelude

Sadie and Jane Reed

Pianist

Laura Scott

Exhortation

It Will Be Well With Them

Processional Hymn (Please Stand):

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Call to Worship

*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 122:1-2

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

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: Maker of Heaven and Earth!

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: In whom we live and move and have our being, our heavenly Father, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. 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 lovingkindness. 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!

Psalm of Faith

People: Amen

Psalm 15, Who, O Lord

Psalm 15

MELODY (NHS)

vers. *The Psalter*, 1912

Anonymous
in *New Harmonia Sacra*, 1835

Guitar chords for unison singing only

1. ¹Who, O LORD, with Thee a - bid - ing, In Thy house shall be Thy guest?
 2. ²He who ev - er walks up - right - ly, Does the right with - out a fear,
 3. ³He that slan - ders not his broth - er, Does no e - vil to a friend;
 4. ⁴Wick - ed men win not his fav - or, But the good who fear the Lord;
 5. ⁵Free - ly to the need - y lend - ing, No ex - cess he asks a - gain;
 6. Do - ing this, and e - vil spurn - ing, He shall nev - er - more be moved:

5. ⁵Who his feet to Zi - on turn - ing, In Thy ho - ly hill shall rest?
 When he speaks, he speaks not light - ly, But with truth and love sin - cere.
 To re - proach - es of an - oth - er He re - fus - es to at - tend.
 From his vow he will not wav - er, Though it bring him sad re - ward.
 And the in - no - cent be - friend - ing, He de - sires not praise of men.
 This the man with Thee so - journ - ing, This the man by Thee ap - proved.

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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 77:10-20

Pastor: My voice goes to God, and I cry for help;

People: My voice goes to God, and he gives ear to me.

And I said, "My appeal is this:

The years of the right hand of the Most High."

I will remember the acts of Yah;

Yes, I will remember your wonders from of old.

And I will murmur about all your work,

And on your mighty acts I will meditate.

O God, in holiness is your way.

Who is a mighty one as great as God?

You are the Mighty One who does wonders;

You make known among the peoples your strength.

You redeemed with your arm your people,

Sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

My voice goes to God, and I cry for help;

My voice goes to God, and he gives ear to me.

Waters saw you, God. Waters saw you; they writhed.

Indeed, depths trembled.

Clouds poured down waters. The skies gave voice.

Indeed, your arrows flashed around.

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind.

Lightnings lit up the world. The earth trembled and quaked.

Through the sea was your way, And your path through mighty waters,

And your footprints were not known.

You led your people like a flock

By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Amen!

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

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

(Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading:

Galatians 5:13-26

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Amidst the People:

John 15:1-17

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

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Psalm of Faith:

Psalm 128, Blest the Man That Feareth Jehovah

People: Amen

SERMON

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Uriesou Brito

Title: ***The Giving Tree: A Theology of Fruitfulness in the Gospels, Part 7***

(Outline on last page)

Text: *Selected Passages*

OFFERTORY **

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

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

Hymn of Response:

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

People: Amen

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.

** *In the Old Testament the last part of the consecration was the Tribute Offering. It represented all the work that had been done by the person making that sacrifice. Our Offertory, the tithes and offerings, corresponds to this Tribute Offering. This is an act of corporate worship, thanking God for our ability to work and confessing that all your labors are for him and for his kingdom. The Tithe Box is at the back of the Church.*

Blest the Man That Feared Jehovah

From Psalm 128



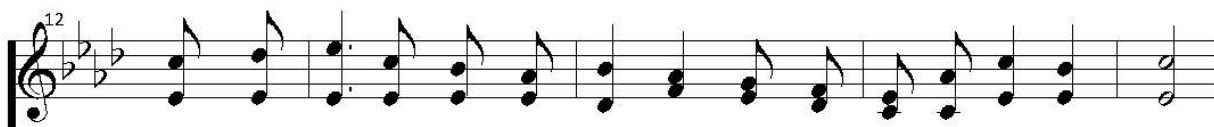
1. ¹Blest the man that fears Je - ho - vah And that walk - eth in His ways;
2. ⁴Lo, on him that fears Je - ho - vah Shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,



²Thou shalt eat of thy hands' la - bor And be pros - pered all thy days.
⁵For Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on Shall to thee His bless - ing send.



³Like a vine with fruit a - bound - ing In thy house thy wife is found,
Thou shalt see Je - ru - s'lem pros - per All thy days till life shall cease;



And like ol - ive plants thy chil - dren, Com - pass - ing thy ta - ble 'round,
⁶Thou shalt see thy chil - dren's chil - dren. Un - to Is - ra - el be peace!



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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON (C.M.)

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828

arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, He sets the pris - oner free;
5. He speaks, and, lis - t'ning to His voice, New life the dead re - ceive,
6. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
His blood can make the foul - est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.
The mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, The hum - ble poor be - lieve.
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.

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 partaking in 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 in a congregation where 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.

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!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Psalm:

Psalms 119, Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near

People: Amen!

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace to love and to serve our Risen Lord!

All: Amen!

** There are two cry rooms available for children that need to be helped during the service. The room on the left hall as you walk into the sanctuary, is for older children and their parents. If they need to be disciplined or encouraged to quiet down, please calm them down and then please bring them back into worship. The library, in the hall to the right when you walk in, is for nursing mothers. Feel free to use both as needed*

Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near

Psalm 119:169-176

RUSSIA (L.M.)
Daniel Read, 1786

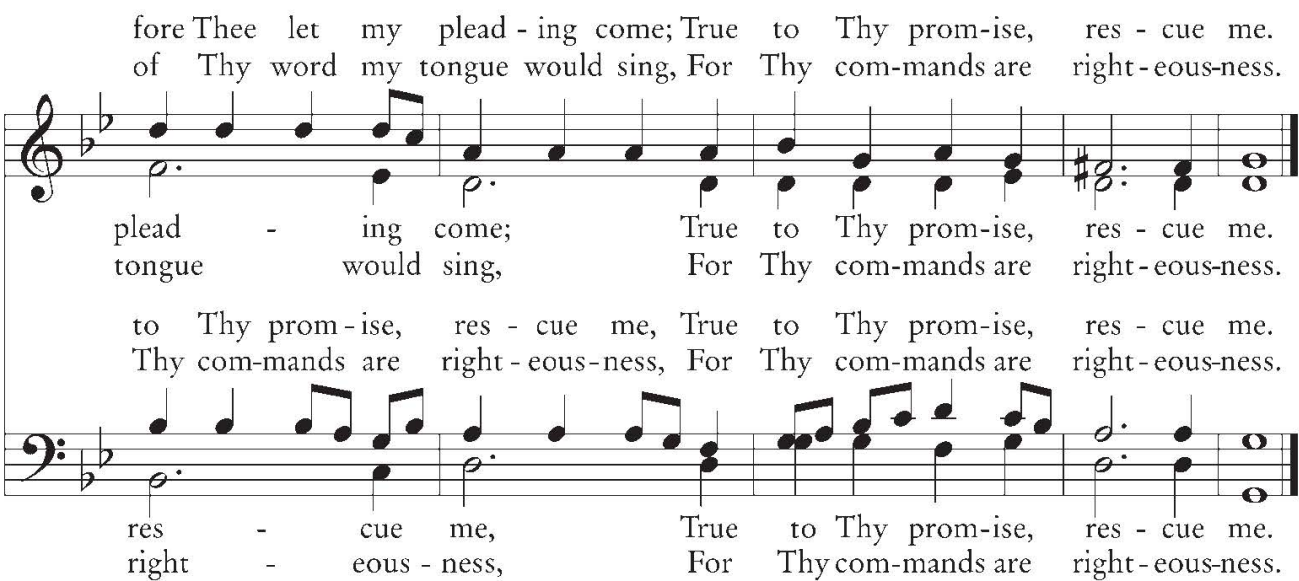
The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973



1. ¹⁶⁹Be - fore Thee let my cry come near, O LORD; true to Thy word, teach
2. ¹⁷¹Since Thou Thy stat - utes teach - est me, O let my lips Thy praise con -
Melody



(Soprano) ¹⁷⁰Be -
¹⁷²Yea,
me.
fess.
(Alto) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my
(Tenor) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For
(Bass) ¹⁷⁰Be - fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise,
¹⁷²Yea, of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are



fore Thee let my plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
of Thy word my tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.
plead - ing come; True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
tongue would sing, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.
to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.
res - cue me, True to Thy prom - ise, res - cue me.
right - eous - ness, For Thy com - mands are right - eous - ness.

3. ¹⁷³Be ready with Thy hand to help,
Because Thy precepts are my choice.
¹⁷⁴I've longed for Thy salvation, LORD,
And in Thy holy law rejoice.

4. ¹⁷⁵O let Thine ordinances help;
My soul shall live and praise Thee yet.
¹⁷⁶A straying sheep, Thy servant, seek,
For Thy commands I ne'er forget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 nd and 4 th Monday	Ladies' Study	7:30 September 16 th and 30 th for September. Mary Stout will be leading a study of Peter Leithart's book "A House for My Name"
September 7th	Wine and Psalm Roar	5pm at Trinitas. Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre and a bottle of wine or soft drink. Invite your friends who might like to sing praise to the God of our Salvation.
September 13-15th	Marriage Conference	At Trinitas. Randy Booth will be teaching a 4-part series on Marriage. He will then preach on Sunday. Friday Evening: 7pm – 7:45pm (15 min. break). 8pm – 8:45pm Saturday Morning: 9:30am – 10:15am (15 min. break). 10:30am-11:15am
September 15th	Annual Congregational Meeting	We will present our budget and discuss other items of interest to the Church.
October 4-5 th	Lectures on Revelation	Ken Gentry will be presenting several lectures on the book of Revelation.
October 11 th	Young People's Study	7pm at the home of the Calisches. We will be reading the book Digital Liturgies. See Pastor Stout if you would like to attend.
October 27th	Reformation Sunday Picnic	Picnic on the grounds.
November 15-17th	Dance and Children's Choir	Mr. Jarrod Richey leading. Details to follow

Sermon Text: *Selected Passages*

Sermon Title: **The Giving Tree: A Theology of Fruitfulness in the Gospels, Part 7**

Sermon Outline:

Genesis 3 portrays mankind's unfruitfulness in Adam. The Old Testament continues this trend of unfruitfulness, though the Wisdom Literature underlines what it would mean for Israel to turn to fruitfulness. The last book of the Old Covenant, Malachi, ends by promising a fruitful Israel.

When the Gospels arrive on the scene, the leaders of Israel have corrupted the vine and made a mockery of the Old Testament promises. Thus, John the Forerunner enters the scene as the ambassador of fruitfulness. He urges repentance and exhorts the leaders to drink from the tree of life. But the leaders mock John's message and decapitate him.

When the Messenger of the LORD comes, he shakes up the religious trees and finds them wanting. He is the greater John coming to call everyone to turn away from unfruitfulness. Jesus chastises their deeds. He accuses their vines of producing no wine. So, Jesus shows them how to make wine from nothing (Jn. 2) and how to be a true vine and produce fruit (Jn. 15). Some will hear it, and others will participate in the murder of the Vine. But the Vine's death will produce fruit for all the nations of the earth.

In our sermon, we will survey the Gospel's portrayal of fruitfulness and see how Jesus is the true Vine and the One from whom all fruitfulness flows.

I. The Gospel is Flavored with Joy

II. John Comes to Shake the Trees to See If They Have Good Fruit

III. Fruitfulness is the Saints' Offering to God

IV. We Are Created For Fruitfulness (Eph. 2:8-9)

V. Fruitfulness in John 15

a. All Fruitfulness is from Jesus

b. We were Elected to Fruitfulness

c. Fruitfulness is Linked to Sacrifice

VI. Jesus is the True Vine

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