Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

April 6th, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*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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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Guitar chords for unison singing only

Music: Johann Caspar Bachofen (1695–1755) BACHOFEN

Text: Erdmann Neumeister (1671–1756); tr. Robert E. Voelker (1957–) © rev@mnsi.net 8 7. 8 7. 8 8. 7 7.

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

Prelude — *Hadassah Cowart*
Pianist — *Christel Houston*
Exhortation — *Baptisms and New Members*

Processional Hymn (Please Stand): — ***God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It***

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: **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 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 ***Psalm 13, How Long, O Lord?***

People: Amen

How Long, O Lord? O Lord, How Long?

Based on Psalm 13

Guitar chords for unison singing only

Music: Alan Hovhaness, 1970 © Edition Peters

Text: *The Ailbe Psalter*, 2006 © ailbe.org

GREAT WHALES

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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:*

Pastor: Yahweh reigns! Let the earth rejoice!
People: Let the many islands be glad!
Cloud and thick darkness surround him;
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire before his face goes
And consumes on every side his adversaries.
His lightnings light up the world;
Beholding and trembling is the earth.
Mountains melt like wax at Yahweh's face,
At the face of the Master of all the earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness,
And all the peoples see his glory.
Let all those be shamed who serve graven images, who boast in idols.
"Worship him, all you gods!"
Zion hears and is glad;
And Judah's daughters rejoice because of your judgments, Yahweh,
For you are Yahweh, Most High over all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.
You who love Yahweh, hate evil! He guards the souls of his saints;
From the hand of the wicked he delivers them.
Light is sown for the righteous man;
And for the upright in heart gladness.
Be glad, righteous ones, in Yahweh;
And give thanks to his holy memorial-name.

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

Nikolai Kedrov, Sr.
arr. James B. Jordan and Sarah Garner, 2011

READING OF GOD'S WORD (Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading *Genesis 2:8-16*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading: *Revelation 3:14-22*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Amidst the People: *Matthew 24:36-51*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of Faith: ***If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee***
People: Amen

SERMON

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Uri Brito
Title: ***Laodicea: And Now, The End Is Near! Part 9*** *(Outline on last page)*
Text: *Revelation 3:14-22*

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

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

Hymn of Response: ***Like a River Glorious***
People: 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.*

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Music: Georg Neumark, 1640
Text: Georg Neumark, 1640; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 185

NEUMARK [WER NUR DEN LIEBEN]
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Like a River Glorious

Music: James Mountain, 1876
Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1878

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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 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!** *Psalm 145:21*

Closing Psalm: ***Psalm 148, From Heaven, O Praise the Lord***

People: **Amen!**

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

Announcements

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

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.*

From Heaven, O Praise the LORD

From Psalm 148

Music: Horatio R. Palmer (1834–1907)

Text: *Trinity Psalter*, 1994 ©

ST. CATHERINE'S

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 11th	**Young Adult Study**	7:00 PM at the Calisch home
April 14th	**Ladies Study**	7:00 PM at Cathy Noland's home
April 6th	**Wine and Psalm Roar**	4:30 PM At Trinitas Christian School. Bring a heavy hors d'Oeuvres
April 9th	**Vespers**	5:30 PM At Trinitas Christian School. **No meal**
April 13th	**Palm Sunday**	
April 17th	**Maundy Thursday Service**	6:00 PM.
April 18th	**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**	6:00 PM
April 20th	**Easter Breakfast**	8:00 AM, followed by our Easter Service at 9:30 at Trinitas Christian School

Sermon Text: Revelation 3:14-22
Title: ***Laodicea: And Now, The End Is Near! Part 9***

Sermon Outline

The sermon warns against spiritual lukewarmness, using the Laodicean church as an example of indifference toward Christ. It emphasizes that apathy leads to self-deception and rejection by God, but Jesus still offers a chance for repentance. Believers must renew their zeal, embrace righteousness, and recognize Christ's lordship before it's too late

I. Introduction
A. The message to the seven churches
B. Laodicea's spiritual condition

II. Jesus' Warning
A. Lukewarm faith and apathy
B. Threat of rejection

III. Call to Repentance
A. Invitation to renewal
B. Promise of restoration

IV. Conclusion
A. Urgency to rekindle faith
B. Recognizing Christ's lordship

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