

PROVIDENCE CHURCH

A reformed evangelical congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

July 6th, 2025

Fourth 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. **

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made His gra - cious mer -
 3. *I cried to Him in time of need: "Lord God, O hear*
 4. *The Lord for - sak - eth not His flock, His cho - sen gen -*
 5. Ye who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, To God give praise
 6. Then come be - fore His pres - ence now, And ban - ish fear

cre - a - tion, The God of pow'r, the God of love, The
 cy keep - eth; By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade His
my call - ing!" For death He gave me life in - deed And
er - a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock, Their
 and glo - ry! Ye who the Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To
 and sad - ness; To your Re - deem - er pay your vow And

God of our sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm my soul He fills,
 watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of His might,
kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be;
peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand,
 God give praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der - foot be trod,
 sing with joy and glad - ness. Though great dis - tress my soul be - fell,

The God who ev - 'ry sor - row stills.
 Lo! all is just and all is right.
Oh, thank Him, thank our God with me.
He leads His own, His cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
 The Lord my God did all things well.

GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude

Sadie and Lily Reed

Pianist

Laura Scott

Exhortation

One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins

Processional Hymn (Please Stand):

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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!

Hymn of Faith

People: Amen

Be Still, O My Soul

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de-part, And all is dark-ened
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
in the veil of tears, Then shalt thou bet-ter know His love, His heart,
ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev-ry change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: thy best,
All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves
Who comes to soothe thy sor-row and thy fears. Be still, my soul: thy Je-
Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul: when change

thy Heav'n-ly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joy-ful end.
and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
sus can re-pay From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.
and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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!

Pastor: He sent darkness and made dark,

People: And they did not rebel against his word.

He turned their waters into blood,

And caused their fish to die.

Their land swarmed with frogs,

In the chambers of their kings.

He spoke, and there came a swarm of flies,

Gnats in all their territory.

He made their rain hail,

flaming fire in their land.

And he struck down their vine and their fig tree

And broke the trees of their territory.

He spoke and locusts came,

And young locusts, even without number,

And they ate up all vegetation in their land

And ate up the fruit of their ground.

He also struck down all the firstborn in their land,

The firstfruit of all their vigor.

And he brought them out with silver and gold,

And among his tribes no one was stumbling.

Egypt was glad when they went out,

For the dread of them had fallen upon them.

He spread a cloud for a curtain

And fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quail,

And with heavenly bread he satisfied them.

He opened the rock and waters flowed out;

They ran in the dry places—a river,

For he remembered his holy word,

Abraham his servant,

And he brought out his people with gladness,

With a joyful shout his chosen ones.

And he gave them lands of nations,

The toil of the peoples they inherited,

So that they might guard his statutes,

And his instructions keep.

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

Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading:

Philippians 4:6-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Amidst the People:

Luke 12:16-34

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

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Psalm of Faith:

Psalm 23, The Lord is My Shepherd

People: Amen

SERMON

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Uri Brito

Title: **Only for a Moment and the Moment's Gone** (Outline on last page)

Text: *Ecclesiastes 2:12-26*

OFFERTORY **

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

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

Hymn of Response:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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. Please utilize the Tithe Box at the back of the Church, for cash or check giving, or utilize our online giving portal here:



Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shep - herd; I shall not want.

2 He mak - eth me to lie down in green pas - tures: He lead - eth me be - side the still wa - ters.

3 He re - stor - eth my soul: He lead - eth me in the paths of right - eous - ness for His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the val - ley of the shad - ow of death,

5 I will fear no e - vil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they com - fort me.

6 Thou pre - par - est a ta - ble be - fore me in the pre - sence of mine en - e - mies:

7 Thou a - noint - est my head with oil; My cup run - neth o - ver.

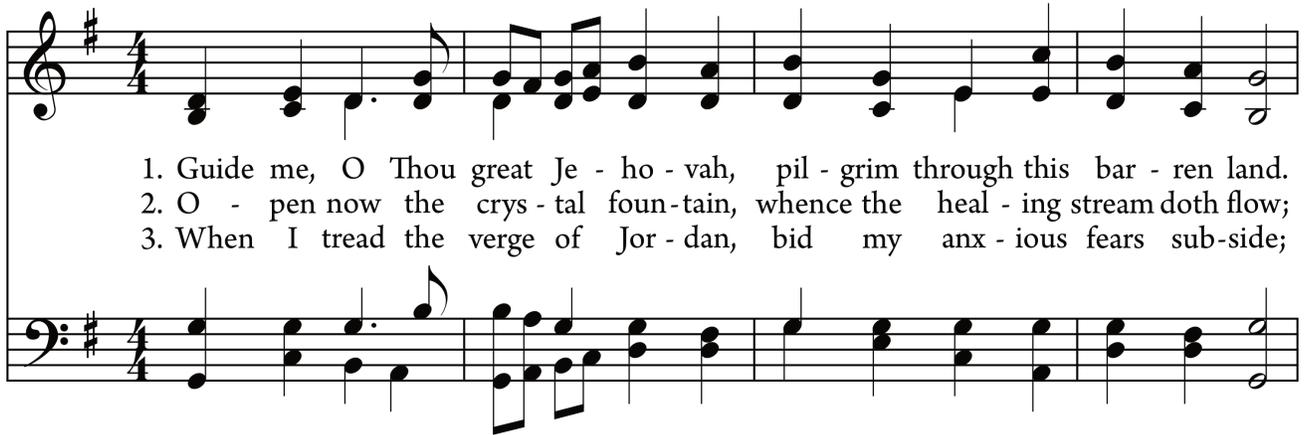
8 Sure - ly good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me all the days of my life:

9 And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ev - er. A - men, a - men.

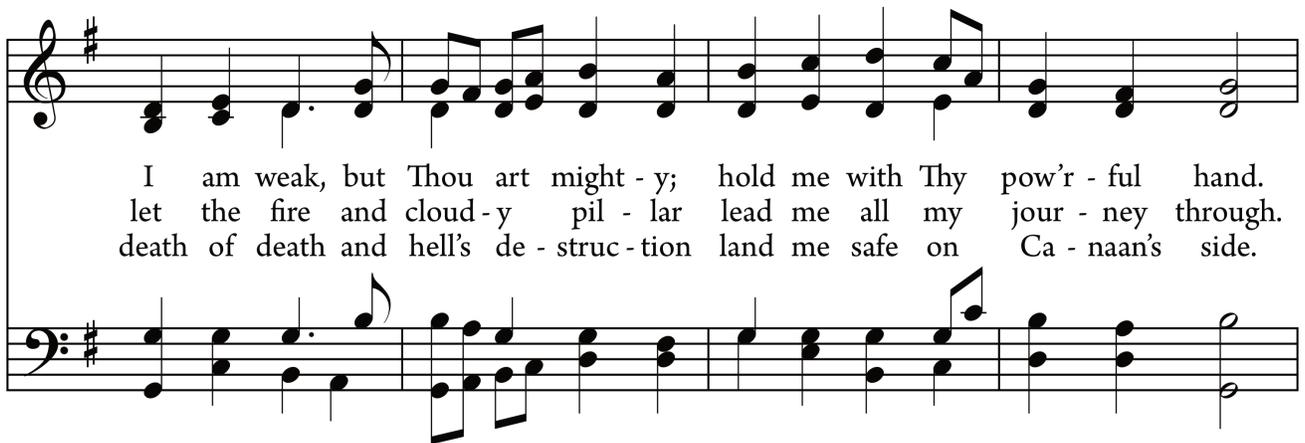
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and the author
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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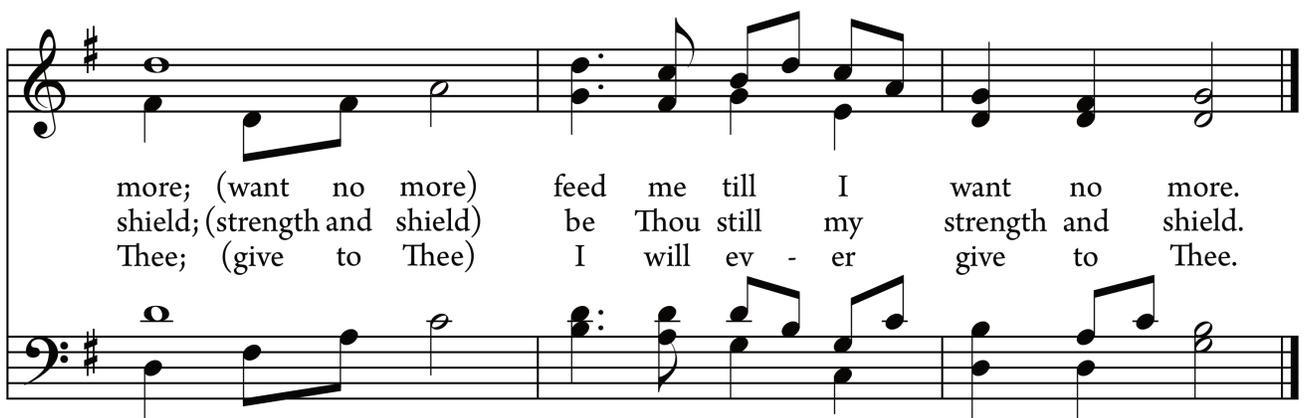
1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub-side;



I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand.
let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
death of death and hell's de - struc - tion land me safe on Ca - naan's side.



Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer, be Thou still my strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
shield; (strength and shield) be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; (give to Thee) I will ev - er give to Thee.

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!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Psalm:

Psalm 119X, Before Thee Let My Cry Come Near

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.*

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 - ues 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

July 6 th	Summer Study	Mr. James Cowart will be leading a study through C. R. Wiley's book, In The House of Tom Bombadil, from 5-8p at his home. This will be for ages 13-19
July	Ladies Study	Taking the month off. Will resume meeting in August
July 11 th	Young Adult Study	7:00 PM At the Calisch House
July 26 th	Prospective Members Class	Location TBA. Time: 8-12
August 6 th	Vespers	5:30 PM Pizza and Salad to follow our evening prayer service
August 10 th	Wine and Psalm Roar	4:30 PM. Bring a bottle of wine and a heavy hors d'oeuvre

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

Title: Only for a Moment and the Moment's Gone

Sermon Outline:

In Ecclesiastes 2:12-26, Solomon reflects on the futility of both wisdom and toil apart from God. Although wisdom is better than folly, both the wise and the foolish share the same end—death—and are ultimately forgotten. This realization leads Solomon to despair, hating both life and his labor since all he has worked for must be left to someone else, possibly a fool. However, a shift occurs in verses 24–26, where Solomon concludes that simple joys—eating, drinking, and enjoying one's labor—are gifts from God. True satisfaction does not come from striving or accumulation, but from receiving God's wisdom and enjoying life as He intends.

I. Time Flies

- A. Life and church seasons pass quickly
- B. Solomon feels imprisoned by time, not matured by it

II. Wisdom vs. Folly

- A. Wisdom is better than folly, like light over darkness
- B. Yet both the wise and fool die the same

III. Hatred of Life and Work

- A. Solomon despises life and labor—it brings no lasting gain
- B. Work becomes meaningless if inherited by a fool

IV. Restlessness and Regret

- A. Labor gives no rest or peace
- B. Solomon grieves over the future of his kingdom

V. Glimpse of Hope

- A. Enjoyment is a gift from God
- B. Meaning comes not from toil but from divine favor

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and a member of Athanasius Presbytery.

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