Providence Presbyterian Church World Communion Sunday—October 2, 2022

Prelude & Quiet Meditation

Welcome Pastor Dave Pettit





The Pharisee and the Tax Collector by James Tissot

*Call to Worship (Lamentations 3:21-26)

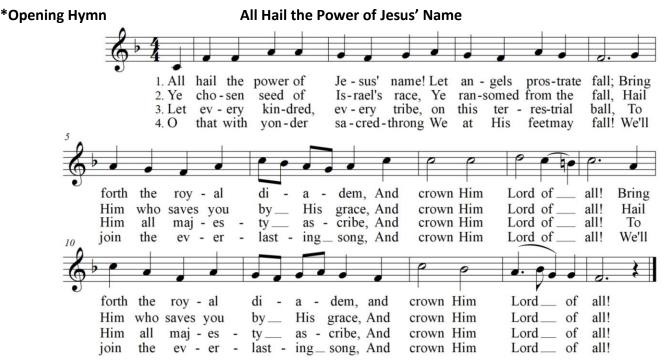
Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

Leader: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

People: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Leader: The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

People: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.



Prayer of Confession for World Communion Sunday

Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. In a world of division, we confess one table, one table of forgiveness, one table of grace, one table of fellowship.

We celebrate World Communion Sunday, that we are one church across the world. But we have chosen our national allegiances first, weakening our bonds, competing for our needs, seeing each other as different rather than as connected in Christ. – Anibal (Spanish)

We celebrate World Communion Sunday, but we are disconnected from the suffering and the difficulties of our brothers and sisters around the world. – Sandor (Hungarian)

We celebrate World Communion Sunday, and we confess that we need each other's perspective and experiences to supplement our own understanding of you, O Lord. – Alice Horibe (French)

We celebrate World Communion, that there is only one table of grace, one table of forgiveness, one fellowship that invites us to serve one another. – Liz Jansch (German)

This communion spans all languages and cultures, tribes and factions. – Pastor Dave (Hebrew)

We look forward to the day when your kingdom is fulfilled, where every language and tongue will join in praising you, when we will come from every corner of the world into one fellowship, to share in one communion. Praise the Lord.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn of Response:

Spirit of the Living God



*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Children's Sermon Cassie Bennett

Poem: Late Fragment by Raymond Carver

And did you get what you wanted from this life, even so? I did.

And what did you want? To call myself beloved, to feel myself beloved on the earth.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 51:1-12, 15-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Grant us Soft Hearts – Humility and Repentance"

Pastor Dave Pettit

Providence Choir

Closing Hymn:

Loving Spirit



The Lords Supper

Prayer of Response

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Singing of The Lord's Prayer

Call for The Offering

Prayer of Dedication of the Morning Offering

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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Worship Leaders

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Dave Pettit, Amy Thorne, Cassie Bennett, Dee Wright
Greeters: Tamera Zinn, Liz Jansch
Offering Counters: John Kullman, Neal Witherell

This Week at Providence				
Sunday Oct. 2 nd , 2022	9:30 – 10:30 am	Communion Worship Service	Sanctuary	
Tuesday Oct. 4 th , 2022	7:15 - 8:30 pm	Ruminations	Fellowship	
Wednesday Oct. 5 th , 2022	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Saturday, Oct. 8 th , 2022	8:00 – 1:00 pm	Step Seven Ministries	Sanctuary	

Announcements

Missions/Church Life: Ways to volunteer at church and in our community:

Collection for the Parker Task Force: Thank you for continuing to support the Parker Task Force! The last collection approximately \$100 worth of donations. Our next collection for the Task Force is today Sunday October 16th, 2022.

Upcoming Events & Announcements:

Conversation after Worship - Today: We invite you to stay for a few minutes after worship today right after the postlude. We will go into a brief presentation and discussion. Pastor Dave will share about some of the conversations that Session has been having around the topic of Appreciative Inquiry and questions for us to consider as we move forward. I hope you'll plan to stay.

Invitation to membership: If you are new, or not-so-new, to Providence and are interested in joining the church as a member, please let Pastor Dave know. We will schedule an informal class when there is interest.

The Return of Ruminations: Pastor Dave and the Worship and Spiritual Growth Team would like to invite you to join us on Tuesday evening, October 4th, 2022 at 7pm to read and discuss upcoming scriptures together. This gathering grows form the conviction that careful reading and open conversation can open up fresh insights and directions. We trust it will be beneficial to us as individuals and also contribute to the themes of services and sermons.

Upcoming Change for Alaina and an Update on the Hiring Process: Alaina has announced her resignation from her position as office administrator effective October 6th, 2022. She will be moving on to become an Administrative Assistant for the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club. **We will be honoring her time with Providence on Sunday October 9th, 2022.** Pastor Dave is working with Alaina and the Admin Team to seek a qualified candidate to fill the position. We will give updates on how the process unfolds. If you have questions or concerns, you can voice them to Pastor Dave, Diane Vaughn, Jim Bennett, or Anibal Muniz-Ramos.

Coffee and Conversation: Coffee and Conversation returns Tuesday October 11th at 9am! We will connect, reflect on Sunday's sermon and scriptures with observations and questions, and close in prayer. It is a chance to get to know each other more, grow together, and to linger longer with the scriptures. Come join us!

The Men's Breakfast: The Men's Breakfast is back! The next meeting will be October 20th, 2022 7:30am at Bread and Butters in Parker. We hope you will join us! Please contact Steve Heald with any questions.

PPC Book Club: The next book club meeting will be October 20th, 2022 at 2pm at the church and on Zoom. We will be discussing <u>The Book of Lost Friends</u> by Lisa Wingate. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Diane Vaughn.

PPC Choir Returns: Practices are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We would love to add new voices. Music degrees not required! Anyone is welcome. If you would like to join, or even give it a try, let Amy or Gigi know, or just join us for rehearsal. We will start with familiar music as we get back into rhythm.

Music Staff Update – Let's welcome Sami Copeland! Sami Copeland will start this coming week as our permanent accompanist. She is a graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with a degree in music composition. She is a skilled and adaptable pianist, a long history of accompanying church music, and is full of energy and ideas. We look forward to her being a part of our community.

Thank you Amy! We would like to express our gratitude to Amy Thorne for stepping in as an interim accompanist since May. She has been willing to serve in the ways that are needed, and we are grateful.

2022 Per Capita Assessment: Per Capita is one way we support the larger Presbyterian church as well as the local Presbytery, and it is a way we express our connectedness as the larger Church. This supports administrative expenses of the Presbytery as well as a portion for the General Assembly. This assessment is based on the number of members at \$32 per member, and paid by the church. If you would be willing to help with the cost of our assessment by contributing this for each member of your family, we would be most appreciative. Please make your check payable to the church, and put in the memo: Per Capita.

Providence Financial Update: At the end of August 31, 2022 the Income and Expenses are as follows:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Variance</u>
YTD	\$81,649.87	\$109,664.05	(26,370.88)

This difference is currently being covered by withdrawals from capital investments.

Maintenance Log: If you see any maintenance issues around the church building, please record them on our maintenance log. You will find it on a clipboard hanging in the kitchen, to the left of the sink.

Prayers: This week at Providence please keep the following people in your prayers:

Remembering the Homebound: Jim and Judy Nash, Phyllis Christensen, Pat Schwartz, Renee Mastriona, Betty Lutz, Ken Stabler, Bob Hampel, Lois Spangler. Health Concerns: Laurie Schmidt, Donna Hoyt, Paul White, Harold Higgins, Judy Nash, Lea Marot, Amy Thorne, Sharyn Horvath. Prayer & Support: Jacqueline Murphy, Irene Cope, Fran Proctor, Jennie McCown, Susan Ashley. Prayers for Friends & Family: Patsy Slack, Vanessa Pierce, Cindy Roth, Deanna, Robert McCown, Robert, Verna Stabler, Daniel Pederson, Judy McGilk. June Ripka, Pat Lauer. Thank you for your prayers.