

Providence Presbyterian Church
Worship Service—July 3, 2022

Prelude & Quiet Meditation

Welcome

*Gathering Song

O God Beyond All Praising

O God be-yond all prais-ing we wor-ship you to-day and
Then hear, o gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring, that

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sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay; for we can on-ly
we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King; and whe-ther our to-

10
won-der at ev-ery gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
mor-rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and

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mer-cies with-out end: We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your
rise to bless you still: To mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your

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Word, we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
ways, and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

*Call to Worship (from Luke 10)

Leader: Lord, you have sent us out. Help us to head your charge.

People: To spread the tent of your loving arms.

Leader: To say to the downcast, be lifted up,

People: To say to the outcast, you are loved.

Leader: To say to the lost, you belong,

People: To say to despairing, you are not alone.

Leader: To say to the refugee, be homed,

People: To say to each other, be my father, mother, brother, sister, child.



*Opening Hymn

God is Here

1. God is here! As we Your peo - ple Meet to of - fer
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's
7 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an age of
praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler mea - sure
need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font and pul - pit;
13 flock and fold, Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel,
What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
20 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here, the ser - vants of the
Help us work Your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -
round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
preach - ing, Here in si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness
Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
27 ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive: We, who can - not
of the spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out You, We a - dore You! We be - lieve!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we proclaim liberty and freedom, and yet freedom is not as simple as we proclaim. Asserting the inalienable rights of all, the equality of all voices, the defense of the dignity of all – we have often proved wanting. In addition, our hearts are chained by anger, terror, and confusion. We resort to visions of the past to navigate the uncertainties of the present.

Grant us peace. Give freedom to our hearts and our spirits. Show us the freedom to brave love, grace and community. Give us the liberty to know and to be known. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. And in doing so, may you crown this land's good with brotherhood. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn of Response:

Take O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
5 set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. me. _____

*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

Poem: "Vulnerability"

by David Whyte

Vulnerability is not a weakness, a passing indisposition, or something we can arrange to do without, vulnerability is not a choice, vulnerability is the underlying, ever present and abiding undercurrent of our natural state. To run from vulnerability is to run from the essence of our nature, the attempt to be invulnerable is the vain attempt to become something we are not and most especially, to close off our understanding of the grief of others. More seriously, in refusing our vulnerability we refuse the help needed at every turn of our existence and immobilize the essential, tidal and conversational foundations of our identity.

To have a temporary, isolated sense of power over all events and circumstances, is a lovely illusionary privilege and perhaps the prime and most beautifully constructed conceit of being human and especially of being youthfully human, but it is a privilege that must be surrendered with that same youth, with ill health, with accident, with the loss of loved ones who do not share our untouchable powers; powers eventually and most emphatically given up, as we approach our last breath.

The only choice we have as we mature is how we inhabit our vulnerability, how we become larger and more courageous and more compassionate through our intimacy with disappearance, our choice is to inhabit vulnerability as generous citizens of loss, robustly and fully, or conversely, as misers and complainers, reluctant and fearful, always at the gates of existence, but never bravely and completely attempting to enter, never wanting to risk ourselves, never walking fully through the door.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: II Kings 5:1-19

New Testament Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon: "Maturing Through Our Vulnerability"

Pastor Dave Pettit

Closing Hymn:

Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to- geth-er on our knees; Let us
2. Let us drink wine to- geth-er on our knees; Let us
3. Let us praise God to- geth-er on our knees; Let us

5 break bread to- geth-er on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my
drink wine to- geth-er on our knees.
11 praise God to- geth-er on our knees.

face to the ris- ing sun, O Lord, have mer- cy on me.

The Lords Supper

Prayer of Response

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: O God who has so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us, give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Singing of The Lord's Prayer

Call for The Offering

Prayer of Dedication of the Morning Offering

*Benediction

Postlude

The flowers today are given by John & Denise Kullman in honor of Independence Day and their daughter Leah's 20th birthday.

**Please stand if able.*

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Worship Leaders

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Dave Pettit, John Kullman, Amy Thorne

Greeters: Jennie McCown

Ushers: Liz Jansch

This Week at Providence

Sunday July 3 rd , 2022	9:30 – 10:30 am	Communion Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tuesday July 5 th , 2022	2:00 – 3:30 pm	Deacons Meeting	Sanctuary
Saturday, July 9 th , 2022	8:00 – 1:00 pm	Step Seven Ministries	Sanctuary

Please Note: Cassie Bennett will be out this Sunday July 3rd and July 10th. Children's bulletins will be provided for those attending the service with their families.

Announcements

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

Lasagna Love: Like to cook? The Mission and Church Life Committee needs your help. We are joining with Lasagna Love, a worldwide program for people to provide a meal to someone in need. Could that be you? Call Bonnie if you are interested in sharing a little lasagna love. You can also learn more about this program at www.lasagnalove.org.

Collection for the Parker Task Force: Thank you for continuing to support the Parker Task Force! **Our next collection for the Task Force will be Sunday July 17th, 2022.**

Team Zimbabwe Wrap Up: Thank you all for your incredible support this year in our annual fundraiser for the Heather Chimhoga Orphan Center. The effort raised \$56,000 with Providence leading the way. While our overall goal of \$75,000 was not reached, in a year of many difficult financial issues, we were blessed with the generosity shown by the eleven congregations involved.

Home Communion Team: Session has commissioned the following volunteers to go out in pairs (minister and lay person) and serve communion to our homebound members: Rev. George Gaffga, Diane Vaughn, Dee Wright, Almira Collier, and Pastor Dave. If you know someone who is not able to attend worship and would like to receive communion, please let one of us know.

Upcoming Events & Announcements:

Joint Service with Step Seven: On Sunday July 24th at 9:30am, Providence Presbyterian and Step Seven will be holding a joint service in celebration our ministry together. A potluck lunch will follow the service. We hope you will join us.

Mark Your Calendars: Church Picnic at Challenger Park on September 18th following worship. More details to come. We hope you'll join us!

Rockies Game: Baseball is back and so is Colorado Rockies baseball & Faith Day 2022. Providence has reserved 20 tickets for the August 14th (Sunday) game at 1:10 pm which will be followed by a Faith Day concert featuring "We the Kingdom". Tickets are in Section 144 Outfield Box and are \$26.00 each which includes the concert. Those that are interested can see or call Neal Witherell (303-718-2262) to reserve your seats. Payment should be made no later than July 24th.

Coffee and Conversation: Regular Coffee and Conversation will be taking a pause for the summer months. We plan to have it return in the fall.

Adult Education: Is taking a pause for the summer months. We will return in the fall.

PPC Book Club: Is taking a break for the month of July. The next book club meeting will be August 18th, 2022.

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, Kay Norden, Judy Nash, Robert Strange. **Prayer & Support:** Jacqueline Murphy, Evan & Janell Totten, Irene Cope, Steve Boulter & Dee Wright. **Prayers for Friends & Family:** Patsy Slack, Vanessa Pierce, Cindy Roth, Deanna, Robert McCown, Robert, Verna Stabler, Vicki, Norah Tynan. Thank you for your prayers.