



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 14, 2024

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior" arr. Cherwien

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people. **God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.**

Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

**Christ gathers us together that we might sing the good news of redemption.**

Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

**The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our siblings.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN "Praise the Lord, the Almighty" # 35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people. Forgive us, Gifter of every blessing. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world. Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance of love and joy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI # 583

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Psalms 24

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 6: 14-29

SERMON "Troubled Minds"

\*HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" # 132

\*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Our offerings are a sign of gratitude. Let us join together and sing our praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 608

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" # 839

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE "May the Mind of Christ" arr. Schrader

\* Please stand if you are able.

TODAY 9:30 AM          Worship  
MONDAY                12:00 PM    Session meeting  
THURSDAY            11:30 AM    Bible Study  
SUNDAY                9:30 AM    Worship, Carol Wyerman

Prayer: Gail Irwin, Clair Roddey, Marsha Hansard    Liturgist: Gaylend Young  
Nursery: Megan Burchfield

### CALL TO PRAYER

I am always with you Matthew 28:19-20 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the ages.” We are expected to be witnesses for God through the Great Commission. Luke reminds us that Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us. Heavenly Father, we ask that you open up your heavens and come down. Father we pray that you reach down from heaven and save us from those who try to persecute us. We will praise your name and we will sing a new song to you. Lord we praise your name because you are the one who helps us with our battles and fulfills our lives. Amen.

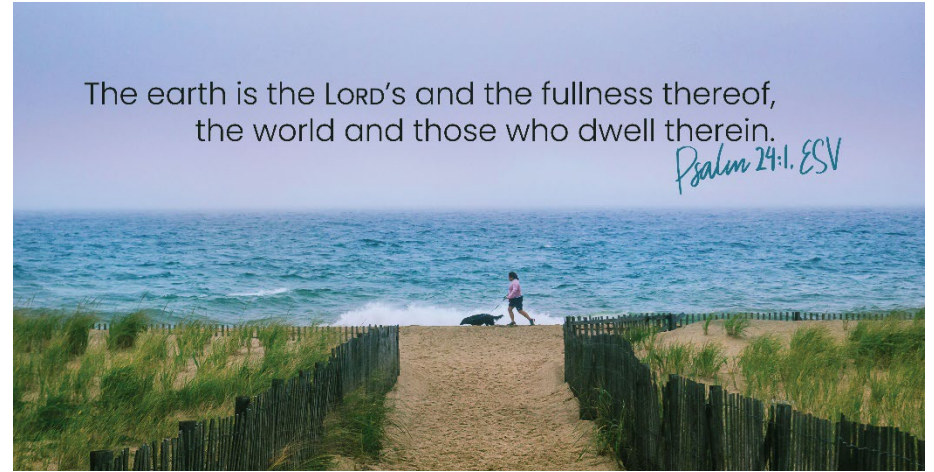
Offering boxes are available in the back of the sanctuary. Prayer cards are available in the pews; they are collected during the Children’s Chat.

On July 28, our Church Family Picnic will be held at DelGrosso’s Park beginning at 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. The reduced cost will be \$10. All-day ride/water tickets, will be available at a reduced rate of \$15. Sign-up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall. TODAY is the final day to sign up and pay. Hope to see you there!

Anyone interested providing “Special Music” for our summer worship should contact a member of the worship team.

This year’s VBS will take place July 29 - August 2. In addition to offering snacks, we will be providing the children with a meal beginning at 5:30 each night. If you would like to contribute monetarily towards snacks and food for VBS, please give those donations to Ellie Herbster or Jane Falco.

July 28 is our Church Picnic Day, the worship team encourages our congregation to participate in a “Casual Dress Sunday.” Break out those Bermuda shorts, “clam-diggers,” “pedal-pushers” and Providence t-shirts.



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