



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1, 2024

15th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Change My Heart with Cleanse Me, O Lord”* adapt. McCracken

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in our hearts:

calling us to generous acts, to share the gifts we have been given.

Now, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in our land:

calling us to generous acts, to open our hearts to all in need.

In every place, in every moment, our Beloved speaks to us; the voice of our Beloved sounds in all creation:

calling us to generous acts, to stand with God’s people: the least, the lost, the little, the last.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* # 610

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One of leaders and little children, we hear your words every day, but rarely live them out. Our anger roars like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Our impetuous tongues rush to judgment, while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. We listen with impatient ears to the cries of the poor. Father of Lights, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI # 583

PIANO DUET *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* arr. Harris
Linda Hart, Peggy Horner

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT James 1: 17-27

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON “Hearers or Doers”

*HYMN *“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”* # 722

*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

VOCAL SOLO *“The Anchor Holds”* Chewning & Bolts
Rick Herbster, Barb Hazlett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Beloved, may God be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts, Beloved of God.

We lift them to the one who loves us beyond all expectations.

God’s Beloved, let us offer our thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

Our voices unite in joy and thanks to the One who brings us hope and healing.

Our hearts overflow with praise and thanksgiving, God, our God!..... So, we lift our voices in joy and hope, singing with the choirs of angels in heaven, and with all the faithful of every place and time, singing of your glory forever.

Holy, holy, holy are you, Lover of righteousness. All creation overflows with praise for you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is your Beloved who anoints us with unexpected grace. Hosanna in the highest!

Look, he comes! Your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Companion, the joy of your Heart.....As you have called him Beloved at his baptism, and as you raised him from death to give us life, so we give ourselves to live for him in grateful praise and service:

Christ was born, hearing your morning song. Christ died, doing your will

