



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 4, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "" arr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"* # 509

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate One: it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and slaking our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces. Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI # 583

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

NEW TESTAMENT John 6: 24-35

SERMON "Bread of God"

*HYMN *"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"* # 498

*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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts, people of God.

We lift them to our Lord so they might be filled with a new spirit.

Let us give thanks to God who loves us.

May our willing spirits offer praises to the One who feeds us.

Our greatest joy is to offer you our thanks and praise, Creator, Grace-giver, Healer of our brokenness. All that is beautiful was created for our eyes; all that is wonderful was created for our awe; all that is majestic was created for our praise; all that is mystery was created for our silence. But despite everything you have given us, we are not satisfied. Believing life is about our appetites, we choose the moldy bread of the world; knowing our only hope is from you, we continue to rebel; called to live in unity with one another, we cling to all which divides us. Yet you refuse to let go of us, sending your only Son, Jesus, to call us to life in you. We have fallen, and you lift us up; we have forsaken you, and you redeem us; we are broken, and you make us whole. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices, here and now, with the faithful of every time and place, singing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of every mercy. All creation praises one God and Father, one Lord, one Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!

