

Providence Presbyterian Church
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Sunday After Ascension Day
May 8, 2016

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our Lord is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,

All: the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

One: Glory and power, dominion and peace belong to our Christ, now and forever.

All: Let us so worship, and let us so live!

*HYMN NO. 151 ***“Crown Him with Many Crowns!”***

Tune: Diademata

*UNISON PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

All: Lord our God: We praise you that our Lord Jesus Christ ascended to rule heaven and earth. Now, at your right hand, He sits enthroned and we rejoice over his reign of power and peace. He has unmasked idols that would destroy us. He has called us out of darkness into your marvelous light. We hear his commands and make our allegiance to Him and His kingdom over all the world. Praise and thanksgiving be to You, for his gracious Life, for his wonderful Death, for his mighty Resurrection, and for his glorious Ascension. Amen.

*RESPONSE: HYMN NO. 108 (vs. 1) ***“Christ Is Alive”***

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE AND LOVE OF CHRIST

One: Through the gracious love of God, by the costly sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forever forgiven of sin and freed to new life in Christ. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

One: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share this peace with each other.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Acts 1:6-11*

One: So when the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus,

All: “Lord, is this the time you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

One: He replied, “It is not for you to know the times and periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

All: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

One: When he said this, as they were watching,

All: he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

One: While he was going, and they were gazing up toward heaven,

All: suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

One: They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?”

All: This Jesus, who has been taken up from you to heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

HYMN 149 ***“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”***

Tune: St. Magnus

SECOND READING ***Philippians 2: 1-15*** (N.T., p. 197)

SERMON ***“Sharing His Gracious Rule”*** Dr. McClanahan

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*Traditional*) (*The Hymnal, p. 14*)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(...debtors...debtors)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN NO. 443 ***“O Christ, the Great Foundation”***
Tune: Aurelia

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



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