

Providence Church

11:00 am July 7, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

* Opening Praise

Doxology

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

*Call to Worship

From: Isaiah 53

Leader: Therefore, I will divide him a portion with the great,

People: and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

Leader: because he poured out his soul to death,

People: And was numbered with the transgressors;

Leader: Yet he bore the sin of many,

People: And made intercession for the transgressors.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: *With Joy Let us Sing to the Lord* #33 (S1)

Scriptural Exhortation: Romans 12:1-2

Prayer of Confession: **Most merciful Father, Your plan for us is to know, serve, and magnify You through Jesus Christ. By Your great love, You have opened our eyes to new life in Him. We confess our devotion to You is still very weak. We follow the lusts and pleasures of worldliness too easily. Forgive us. Wash us clean;**

purify us by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ at the cross. Make our chief desire to love and honor You above all. Help us to press ever upward in the call of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: I John 1: 8-9

*Hymn of Response: *O God Our Help in Ages Past* #222 (1,3,6,7)

*Affirmation of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him. Amen.**

Prayer of the Congregation and The Lord's Prayer

Ruling Elder Norval Sells

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory forever, Amen.**

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy #230

Reading of Scripture for the Sermon: Esther 1:1-18

Sermon Title: *The Orphan Becomes the Queen*

Rev. Harry Monroe

* The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven.
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there He will come 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**

**Closing Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #216*

*Benediction

**Indicates Congregation Standing*