



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

Loving God, loving one another, and embracing
our community and world with Jesus

Lord's Day Worship

July 19, 2020

Call to Worship

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Immortal, Invisible

Hymn #38

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Our Father, we confess how often we are anxious - we act as if the events of our lives are random, and there is no one in control. Too often we doubt that you are actively and perfectly ruling the world you have created.

Forgive us these and all our sins of disbelief and remind us that you are the Lord of all creation. Help us to realize that even the storms of

life have a place in your plan, and that no one is really in danger who trusts in you through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. For it is in his Name that we pray. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Jesus, Thank You

Song

Mercies Anew

Song

Praying for Strength and Trust in Jesus

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymn #264

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 4. 1-22

Courage & Confidence

Whom Shall I Fear

Song

Benediction

Romans 8:35-39

Scripture Reading

Acts 4. 1-22 (English Standard Version)

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶ saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” ²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 4. 1-22
Courage & Confidence

I. The Power of the Word

“But many of those who had heard the word believed ...”

II. The Futility of the World

- Priests
- Captain of the Temple
- Sadducees
- Rulers
- Elders
- Scribes
- Anna, the high priest
- The high-priestly family

III. The Confidence of the Gospel

A. Jesus' _____

B. Jesus' _____

C. Jesus' _____

Additional Sermon Notes:

This Week:

Tuesday.....Women's *Ephesians* Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
WednesdayMen's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 p.m. at church
Thursday*Revelation* Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Saturday.....Women's *Ephesians* Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. at the Pavilion

Announcements:

COVID reminder: Many of you are aware of the directive that was issued from Governor Wolf's office. Here is the portion that is relevant to our life together as a church ...

Face coverings are now required for individuals in the following situations:

- *If people are "outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of 6 feet from individuals who are not members of their households."*
- *Indoors in public locations where other people are present.*

Thus in submission to our governing authority (Romans 13.1) and out of love for our neighbor (Matthew 20.39), **we are asking all to please wear a face mask at all events at Providence until further notice.** This includes Lord's Day worship (both the 830 & 1030 services), Bible studies, 3-D events, etc. **Please note** that this request (and the governor's order) excludes those whose responsibilities would be adversely affected by wearing a mask (e.g. me while preaching & leading worship, the worship team while up-front, etc) or those with special conditions (as outlined in the order).

Meet and Greet the Cosner Family, August 2, 5:30 at the Pavilion. The search committee has invited associate pastoral candidate Mike Cosner and his family to come visit Providence. They will be here July 31 to August 2. You will have an opportunity to talk with Mike, wife Chrissy and their daughter & family at an informal Meet & Greet on Sunday evening, August 2, 5:30 p.m. at the pavilion. There is a sign-up for snacks, desserts and drinks on Sign up Genius which you will find the link in your email. Keeping in mind COVID safety measures, all drinks, snacks, desserts should be pre-packaged (ie. Snack packages or if homemade desserts, such as, brownies, cookies, pie and cake slices all wrapped for individual use), to avoid contamination. Thank you! Any questions please see Heather McIlwraith.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, August 9, 6:00 p.m. at church. The session of Providence Presbyterian Church is calling a special congregational meeting for presentation and consideration of Mr. Mark Opdycke for the office of deacon. There will be two items on the meeting agenda a couple of By-law changes will be presented and a secret ballot will be taken for the election of Mr. Mark Opdycke. Please prayerfully consider this important decision for both Mark and our church family. Any questions please see one of the elders.