



*“growing a family
to reach a community”*

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

Lord's Day Worship

March 14, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Come, People of the Risen King

Song

His Mercy Is More

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Ephesians 5:1-2, 6-10, 15-21

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God ... Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them ... Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is ... be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Gracious Father, you have awakened us from the dead through your Son Jesus Christ, yet we confess how often we fall asleep in our faith. We are not always vigilant in our walk with you, we do not anticipate your return as we should, and we too often neglect the duties you

have entrusted to us. Forgive us these and all our sins. Renew us through your Holy Spirit, enabling us to be ready for the ministry opportunities you set before us and for Jesus' glorious return. For we pray in the Name of the One who was vigilant unto death in our place, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Lamentations 3:19-24

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Mercies Anew

Song

Jesus, Thank You

Song

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Just As I Am

Hymn #501

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 16. 22-34

The Gospel and an Oppressor

This, I Believe

Song

Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reading

Acts 16. 22 – 34 (English Standard Version)

²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 16. 22-34
The Gospel and an Oppressor

I. Redemption's Drama

A. Scene 1 – the prison (vs. 25-31)

1. Praying, singing, & listening (v. 25)
2. Shaking & opening (v. 26)
3. Waking & seeing (v. 27)
4. Shouting & reassuring (v. 28)
5. Trembling & falling (v. 29)

B. Scene 2 – the conversation (vs. 30-31)

C. Scene 3 – the jailer's house

1. Speaking (v. 32)
2. Washing & ... washing (v. 33)
3. Eating & rejoicing (v. 34)

II. Redemption's Lessons

- A. The ears of _____
- B. The certainty of _____
- C. The confidence of _____

Sermon Quotes & References:

For even when they lay bound with fetters, in prayer they praised God, whereby it appeared that neither the abuse which they suffered, nor the stripes which made their flesh sting and bleed, nor the stink of the deep dungeon, nor the danger of death, which was hard at hand, could hinder them from giving thanks to the Lord joyfully and with glad hearts ...

We must know that Paul and Silas prayed aloud that they might make the boldness of a good conscience known to others who were shut up in the same prison; they might have made their prayer with secret groaning and sighing of heart, or they might have prayed unto the Lord quietly and softly. Why did they then exalt their voice? Assuredly, they did not do it for any personal ambition, for it was directed first to God Himself; but that they may profess to others as well that, trusting the goodness of their cause, they could fly without fear unto God even in the darkest of hours.

John Calvin, Commentary on Acts

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level	Achenbach	Rhodes
Sound Booth	Ethan/Sam/Abby.....	Ethan/Nick/Isaac
Simulcast Downstairs.....	Eric	Eric
Congregational prayer led by	Bob Lacock	Roy Van Camp

This Week:

- Tuesday.....Ladies 2 Kings, Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
-Women’s Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at church
- Wednesday.....Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. at church
- Thursday.....Revelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. at church
-Men’s Bible Study Training, 7 – 8 p.m. at church
- Friday.....B. & C. Lacock HFG, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Saturday.....Christ’s Cupboard Food Distribution/Outreach, 8:30 a.m. at church
-“March Meat Madness at Mary Lou’s”, 5:30 p.m. at Hobold’s home

Future:

- March 28.....Congregational Meeting, to amend the Bylaws and voting to call Jonathan Kuciemba for Associate Pastor Position
-All Church Prayer Meeting 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- April 10Stitches of Love, 1 -3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Special Announcements:

Announcement from the Search Team

The Search Team desires that all Providence members be able to participate in the Call of Jonathan Kuciemba. Given the current pandemic, many of our members are not attending due to health concerns. The current bylaws, written prior to electronic meetings technology, only allows for in-person voting. The Team working in concert with the Session is requesting that the by-laws be amended to allow electronic voting. The Session must give two weeks’ notice for a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting for a by-law change. Hence, the congregational meeting for the Call of Jonathan Kuciemba has been changed to March 28th directly after the congregational meeting to amend the by-laws.

Announcement from the Session

The Session is calling for a congregational meeting to amend the Church’s by-law. The meeting will be on the 28th of March, 12:15pm in the sanctuary. The bylaw proposed amendment has been emailed separately to the congregation and will be in Monday’s eNews . If you have any questions concerning the bylaw amendment, please speak with one of the elders.

*You are invited to an
All Church ...*



**PRAYER
MEETING**

When?

*Sunday March 28
6 – 7pm*

**Save the
Date!**

Where?

Providence sanctuary

Why?

*Christ's Kingdom is growing when
God's people pray.*

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.*

Matthew 6:9-10

March Meat Madness at Mary Lou's!



Come for an awesome time of food
and fellowship!!

Saturday evening, March 20
at 5:30pm.
Hobold's Home, Green Lane

We'll munch on much meat, discuss any unique 'life skills',
play games and just have a great time with God's people.

Bring your favorite meat or meat main dish! Big Salad
and starch sides (potatoes, rice, bread) will be provided.

[Sign up online or RSVP to Mary Lou](#)

Come one, come all, and come hungry!