



*“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 4, 2021

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:7-10

The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

How Can I Keep From Singing

Song

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Our Great God

Song

Opening Prayer

Confessing Our Sins Together

Colossians 3:1-4, 12-15

Merciful Father, we confess that too often we outwardly obey your commandments, yet inwardly allow our hearts to stray from you. We begin to think we deserve your favor because of our obedience, rather than resting solely on the blood of Christ shed for us on the cross. We act unforgivingly toward fellow sinners, forgetting how much we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, we pray, and draw us again to our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whom alone eternal life and forgiveness are found. For we pray in His Name. Amen

Rejoicing in Our Forgiveness

Hebrews 4:15-16

... we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Song

Boldly I Approach Your Throne

Song

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Speak, O Lord

Song

Hearing God's Word Together

The Gospel According to Acts

Acts 20. 1-16

A Life-Giving Journey

Behold Our God

Song

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Hymn #254

Benediction

Matthew 28:18-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Scripture Reading

Acts 19. 21-22; 20. 1-16 (English Standard Version)

²¹ Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." ²² And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. ² When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. ³ There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. ⁴ Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵ These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, ⁶ but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹ And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." ¹¹ And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.

¹² And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

¹³ But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. ¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. ¹⁵ And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we

went to Miletus. ¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.



Sermon References:



The Gospel According to Acts
Acts 20. 1-16
A Life-Giving Journey

I. The Big Picture (vs. 1-6, 13-16)

A. An _____ start (v.1)

When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia ...

... even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus ...

2 Corinthians 2. 12-13; 7. 5-6

B. An _____ mission (v. 2)

... from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ. Romans 15.19

C. An _____ plan (v. 3)

D. A _____ team (vs. 4-5)

Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and present offerings. Acts 24. 17

II. A Specific Example (vs. 7-12)

- see 1 Kings 17. 19ff; 2 Kings 4. 32-33

III. An Enduring Command

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20. 35

Providence Activities & Events

July 4, 2021

Task Schedule

This Week

Next Week

Greeting Upper-Level.....	S. Ribeiro/M. Smith	M & K Opdycke
Greeting Lower-Level.....	B & C. Lacock	D. Cuomo/A. Witwer
Nursery.....	B. Lacock/K. Phillips.....	Dimmicks
Nursery Helper	Evelyn Lacock	Riako Manyok
Sound Booth.....	Ethan/Maggie/Abby	Ethan/Heather/Darrin
Simulcast Downstairs	Eric.....	Eric
Congregational prayer led by....	Jonathan Kuciemba	Jonathan Kuciemba

This Week:

- Today..... Picnic at the pavilion following morning worship
- Tuesday
- Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Elder's Wives Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 - Women's Summer Bible Study: *What's SHE Doing Here?* 7:30 pm at church and on Zoom
- Saturday
- Women's Prayer Gathering, 8:00 a.m. at the Pavilion
 - Women's Summer Bible Study: *What's SHE Doing Here?* 9:00 am at the church Pavilion.
 - Stitches of Love, 1 – 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Future:

- July 14
- NEW: Hobold's HFG, 6:30 p.m. at their home in Green Lane*
 - Women's Summer Bible Study: *What's SHE Doing Here?* 7:30 pm at church and on Zoom
- July 17
- Women's Summer Bible Study: *What's SHE Doing Here?* 8:00 am at the church Pavilion.
- July 25
- Discovering Providence Class (Part 1) 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- August 8
- Discovering Providence Class (Part 2) 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Discovering Providence 2-Part Lunch and Learn Classes, July 25 and August 8 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you are new to Providence or want to find out more about the church, please plan on attending this 2-part series. This is the first step if you are interested in membership, and you must attend both classes. (Note: you are under no obligation by taking the classes to become a member.) Please sign up in the foyer or see Diane Henderson if you'd like to participate. Class materials will be sent to you in preparation for the classes.

***NEW HFG Forming** at Eric and MaryLou Hobold's home. They will meet on the 2nd Wednesdays to start, July 14th, August 11th, and September 8th. After that, starting October they will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to come. Please see MaryLou or Eric with questions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Prayer Gathering

Join us as we gather together with our sisters in Christ to seek the Lord and enjoy Him in prayer.

Meetings rotate between homes and are normally scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of the month from
8 - 9 am

Meeting this month on

Saturday, July 10th

at the church pavilion

We would love for you to be with us as we join together in prayer!

Please Contact Liz Brewer with questions