

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 5, 2024**

Gathering for God's Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Through baptism God gave us a gracious sign of hope and love in Christ. Hear again the promises of God to forgive us, adopt us, renew us, and resurrect us to eternal life. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

****Hymn of Welcome 464*** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Confessing to God's Mercy

****Prayer of Confession***

God, Loving Father, Son, and Spirit, we come. Yet we know we come with doubts and fears. We know we come in ignorance. We know we have failed you, your creation and your people, in many ways. Trusting in your love, we turn again to you. As we open our hearts to your mercy and forgiveness, grant us your peace. Accept these prayers, accept our worship, accept us, through your love, Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon***

****Response in Praise*** "Because He Lives" *Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

Time of Community Sharing/Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer Response "Alleluia" *He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior!*

Proclaiming of God's Word

A Time for All God's Children

First Scripture Reading Psalm 98 (p. 500, large print p. 635)

Anthem

Second Scripture Reading Luke 24:44-53 (p. 885, large print p. 1126)

Sermon "Triumphal Entry: The Sequel" Rev. Loren Tate Mitchell

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith (by Rex Chapman)

You are not only risen and alive, you are Lord. This your ascension, your ascendancy over the whole universe. You stand over and above all that is best in life as its source. You stand above all that is worst as the ultimate victor. You stand above all powers and authorities as judge. You stand above all failure and weakness and sin as forgiveness and love. You alone are worthy of total allegiance, total commitment. You are Lord, 'My Lord and my God.'

Hymn of Preparation 647 "This Is My Father's World"

Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we praise and thank you for making us children of God, not through our own power and piety but through our baptism into crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. We turn daily to you, and in that turning we find peace, courage, and purpose. Make your whole church a witness to the great good news of Christ's resurrection.

Hymn 151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

****Offering***

Offering plates are located at each entrance; you may place tithes and offerings, pledge cards, and visitor cards in them after the service.

****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.

(continued on the back)

**Prayer of Dedication*

Departing into God's Service

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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New Providence Presbyterian Church

Serving God and the Community since 1746

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