

# The Covenant Renewal Service

Providence Reformed  
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**Easter Season**

*April 8, 2018*

# Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Join us downstairs for coffee after this morning's service.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages meeting after the service at 11:10 AM. Children's Sunday school classes meet in the educational wing. This morning we continue our adult Sunday school class exploring the foundational truths of the Christian faith using the creeds, confessions, and catechisms of the early, medieval, Reformation, and modern Christian communities.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Providence: [www.providencestlouis.com](http://www.providencestlouis.com).

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine (the grape juice has a darker color than the wine).

## Jesus Christ Victor (*Front Cover*)



The traditional monograms **IC** and **XC** are ancient Latin abbreviations for **Jesus** (*IHCYOYC*, a Latinized form of his Greek name) and **Christ** (*XRICTOC*). **NIKA** means Victor or Conqueror. Jesus Christ was born to conquer sin, death, and the Devil. The cross in the center of the world reminds us that Jesus has conquered by means of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus now reigns *because* he died for us.

Today our Pulpit and Table paraments are **white**. White symbolizes the promise of the glorious transfiguration of our flesh because of the glorification of Jesus in his resurrection from the dead.

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — April 8, 2018

*Easter Season*

**Preparation For Worship: Psalm 16**

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

[*Kneeling*] Silent Preparation for Worship

†Call to Worship: *Colossians 1:15-18*

†Hymn #174 "Praise the Saviour"

*Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

**Amen!**

*Matthew 28:19*

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

Our help is in the name of the Yahweh!

*Psalms 124:8*

**Who made heaven and earth!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our Father, grant, we ask, that we who celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this day, may experience afresh the joy and peace we have in union with him, and may our hearts ever thirst for the fullness of redemption that you have promised us in the new heavens and the new earth; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

## Purification

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake: [*Congregation kneels*]

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

**And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*Psalms 32:2*

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*Psalms 32:5*

**Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you that we are prone to evil and slothful in good, and we have many shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults. *Silent Prayer. Amen!***

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news. . . !

## **Ascension**

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so.**

†Truly it is fitting, right, and beneficial to give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life he has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing. . .

†The Sanctus

†Hymn #204     “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

*Trinity Hymnal*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with the instruction "with vigor" and a dynamic marking of "fff". The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the first line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est."

Easter Hymn     “This joyful Eastertide”

1. This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

**Refrain**

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain;  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
Arisen, arisen.  
But now hath Christ arisen!*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber;  
Till trump from east to west,  
Shall wake the dead in number.
3. Death's flood has lost his chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver.

Text: George R. Woodward, from *The Cowley Carol Book for Christmas, Easter, and Ascension-tide*, 1901, 1902, 1919.  
Music: from Joachim Oudaen's *David's Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926), setting by William H. Harris (1883-1973).

*The Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday after Easter*

The First Reading: *Numbers 28:1-8*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Reading from the Psalms: *Psalms 16*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-16*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God,**

Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead whose kingdom shall have no end.

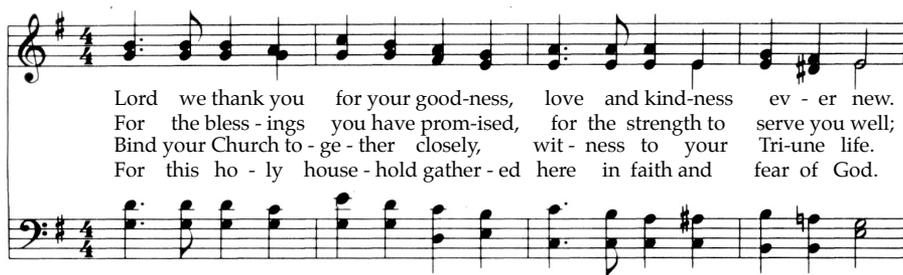
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and  
glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

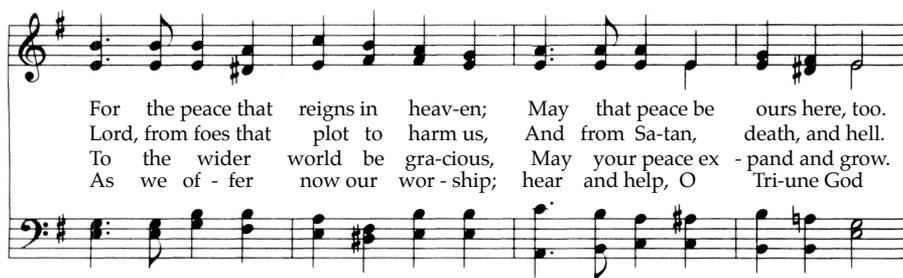
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†The Kyrie



Lord we thank you for your good-ness, love and kind-ness ev - er new.  
For the bless - ings you have prom-ised, for the strength to serve you well;  
Bind your Church to - ge - ther closely, wit - ness to your Tri-une life.  
For this ho - ly house - hold gather - ed here in faith and fear of God.



For the peace that reigns in heav-en; May that peace be ours here, too.  
Lord, from foes that plot to harm us, And from Sa-tan, death, and hell.  
To the wider world be gra-cious, May your peace ex - pand and grow.  
As we of - fer now our wor - ship; hear and help, O Tri-une God

REFRAIN

By your mer - cy O de - liv - er us, good Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The word 'REFRAIN' is written above the first measure. The score ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

The Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: ON FIGHTING, RACING, GUARDING, & LOVING

XII. AN EXPOSITION OF PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY

## The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

† [Hands Raised] The Doxology

*Trinity Hymnal*, p. xvi

† Offertory Prayer & Congregational Amen!

† The Prayer of the Church

Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Heavenly Father, we pray that our civil leaders would govern wisely and competently, and in submission to King Jesus and his word; and we pray especially today for local officials here in Saint Louis. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that the ongoing political unrest in the Middle East would result in greater liberty for your people there and for the advancement of the gospel and kingdom of Christ in those lands. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers**

We pray that our nation's troops in harm's way would wage war justly and to a just end, and that military chaplains would faithfully minister Christ to them and to all of our nation's armed forces. O God, cause the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace, to bring peace between all peoples of the earth. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that you would be with the persecuted Church around the world, granting her faithfulness unto death, blessing her witness, and subduing her enemies; we remember especially today persecuted Christians in Libya. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

We pray that the Church in Saint Louis, America, and throughout the world would be united in the truth of your word and Christian love. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayers.**

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Bread of Life

Hymn: #44 (*Psalm 9*) "O Lord Most High" *Trinity Hymnal*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Wine of Gladness

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: O God, in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus you have restored and glorified our human nature and all of creation. Continue to send your heavenly gifts to your people that we make walk in perfect freedom and enjoy the benefits of the redeeming work that our Lord has accomplished; through your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

Hymn #53 (*Psalm 146*) "Hallelujah, praise Jehovah" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Easter Commission: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

Welcome to Providence Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders. You are invited to join us in the basement fellowship hall for coffee and conversation after the service. Our Evening Prayer Service begins tonight at 6 PM.

# Announcements

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## **Nursery Volunteers Today:**

Morning Service – Emily Spear, Brookie Moore  
Sunday School- Jennifer Horne, Joanie Harris

## **Nursery Volunteers Next Week:**

Morning Service – Marylynn Handermann  
Sunday School – Bo Hanley

**Evening Prayer Service Tonight** — We start the service at 6 PM and end by 7 PM.

**Adult Sunday School** — We continue our overview of the Creeds and Confessions of the church today in the fellowship hall. This morning Pastor Meyers will talk about the many 16th-century confessions and catechisms produced by the Reformed churches.

**New Prayer Chain Contact Person** — Debbie Zintel will be serving our congregation by overseeing the prayer chain. Please direct church-wide requests for prayer to Debbie by email or phone or text: 314-221-8913.

**Church Work Day** — The deacons are calling for a church work day on Saturday, April 21, 8 AM till 12 noon. Come and help us clean up the church for Spring. There are chores to accomplish both outside and inside. There will be a sign-up sheet at church this Sunday. Members can sign up for an area or a specific task. We would like to see multiple members for each activity to encourage fellowship opportunities.

**WIC Spring Brunch** — The annual Women in the Church (WIC) brunch will be on May 5th at 10:30 AM. Look for more details soon.

**WIC Book Discussion Meeting** — The next book discussion group will meet at Maggie Montgomery's home on Monday, April 9, at 7 PM. They will be discussing Wonder by RJ Palacio (recently made into a movie with the same title).

**2017 Contribution Statements** — Please be sure to pick up your 2017 contribution statement (for tax purposes). They are available on the book table in the narthex.

**Parish Groups** — Parish Groups will meet on Sunday, April 22.

**Bookkeeper/Financial Secretary Position** — Providence is looking for a part-time bookkeeper (2-5 hours per week) to hire on an hourly basis. The job description includes keeping track of the church’s finances, payroll for staff, offerings, paying bills, financial reports, etc. The position requires competence in Quickbooks, Excel spreadsheets, and more. If you are interested in a full copy of the job description, please contact Pastor Meyers.

**2018 Vacation Bible School Dates** — Mark your calendars for the most amazing, incredible, crazy-fun VBS. It’s all happening July 16-20.

**Ladies Bible Study** — The study meets on Thursday, 9:30 AM.

### **Church Calendar**

Today	Easter Sunday No Sunday School No Evening Service
Wednesday, April 4	Choir practice
Thursday, April 5	Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 AM Rooted Meeting at 7 PM
Monday, April 9	WIC Book Discussion at 7 PM
Saturday, April 21	Church Work Day, 8 AM till 12 noon
Sunday, April 22	Parish Groups meet (no evening service)
Saturday, May 5	WIC Brunch
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School

#### **Heidelberg Catechism - Question 39**

Q. What is God’s will for you in the fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings—for through them God chooses to rule us.

# The Lord's Service Explained

## Easter Season

In the early, post-apostolic Church it was the feast of Easter that established the starting point of the development of the liturgical church year. The year as a whole receives its "Sunday" at Easter. Just as the first day of the week gives meaning and purpose to the weekly pattern of human life, so also the celebration of Easter in the Spring orients the entire year around the victorious resurrection of Christ for the life of the world. The early Church did not intend for this yearly pattern to replace or weaken the weekly Sunday worship of the church. Rather, the annual pattern was intended to enable the church to understand even better the mystery of Christ's sanctification of all of life, time included.

Early on in the Church's development of the Easter feast, following the weekly pattern, the annual celebration was set within a framework of six weeks of preparation and repentance (called Lent), ending with the rest of Easter. Then, following Easter Sunday, seven weeks of exultation and feasting were decreed, ending in Pentecost and the beginning of an "eighth week." The church, therefore, celebrates a "week of weeks" during the Easter season as a reminder of Christ's comprehensive redemption of all of life, a time of feasting, giving thanks, and praise to the Risen Christ. Easter season ends with the festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) which ends the seven weeks and ushers in the world to come (symbolically, the eighth day or week). Use these seven weeks of Easter season not just to meditate and reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord, but also to rejoice, give thanks, and sing about the comprehensive victory that he has accomplished for you.

The color for Easter is white. White symbolizes purity, light, and life. It is the bright "color" of Jesus' glorified humanity after his resurrection and therefore will also be the "color" of our new "clothing" when we are resurrected. Easter hymns can be found in the Trinity Hymnal #197-209, and also #596-609.

An Easter Prayer: O almighty and eternal God, now that you have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen.

# Officers and Resource People

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