

# COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

## The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — March 28, 2004

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**Preparation For Worship: Isaiah 44:21-28**

\*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

### The Entrance

Silent Meditation & Prayer

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 44:23*

†Hymn #133 "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

†Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh;

**Who made heaven and earth!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayer, and graciously draw us into your holy presence, through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

### The Purification

†Call to Confession

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God

**According to your steadfast love;**

According to your abundant mercy,

**Blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**And cleanse me from my sin**

\* Please refrain from conversation once the prelude begins

† The congregation stands

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

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

### The 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 proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. 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 . . .

†Hymn of Praise: #219 "Blessing and honor"

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 44:6-20*

The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 3:1-21*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

Sermon: HEARING THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers (see insert)

XXXVIII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

†A Lenten Prayer "Lord, who throughout these forty days" (see insert)

### The Tribute Offering

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

†The *Gloria Patri*

### The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Distribution

Communion Hymn: #364 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

Pastoral Benediction

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

Pastor Chris Smith

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!**

Pastor: We beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

### The Benediction

†Hymn #526 "O Lord, by thee delivered" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

## A Lenten Prayer

(Tune of Hymn #7)

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,  
And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend  
And did the vict'ry win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
In you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self and so to live  
By your most Holy Word.

Abide with us, that through this life  
Of suff'ring and of pain  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may at last attain.

**WELCOME** to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins. Join us this evening for prayer, praise, and Bible teaching at 6:00 PM.

The color for **LENT** is purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world—which appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance. Lent is not merely a time to remember and think about the history of our Lord's suffering and death, but is intended primarily as an opportunity for intense self-examination and repentance, even fasting (Luke 5:34-35). The high point of Lent is reached on Good Friday, when we remember that *our* sins crucified Christ. In the words of Johann Heermann's great hymn, "Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee" (*Trinity Hymnal* #179).

## The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

March 28, 2004 — 6:00 P.M.

†Hymn #339 "O Trinity, most blessed Light" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Psalm 97 "The LORD our God is King!" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Scripture & Sermon: *Ruth 1:6-21* – RUTH'S CONFESSION Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Closing Hymn: #336 "At even, when the sun was set" *Trinity Hymnal*