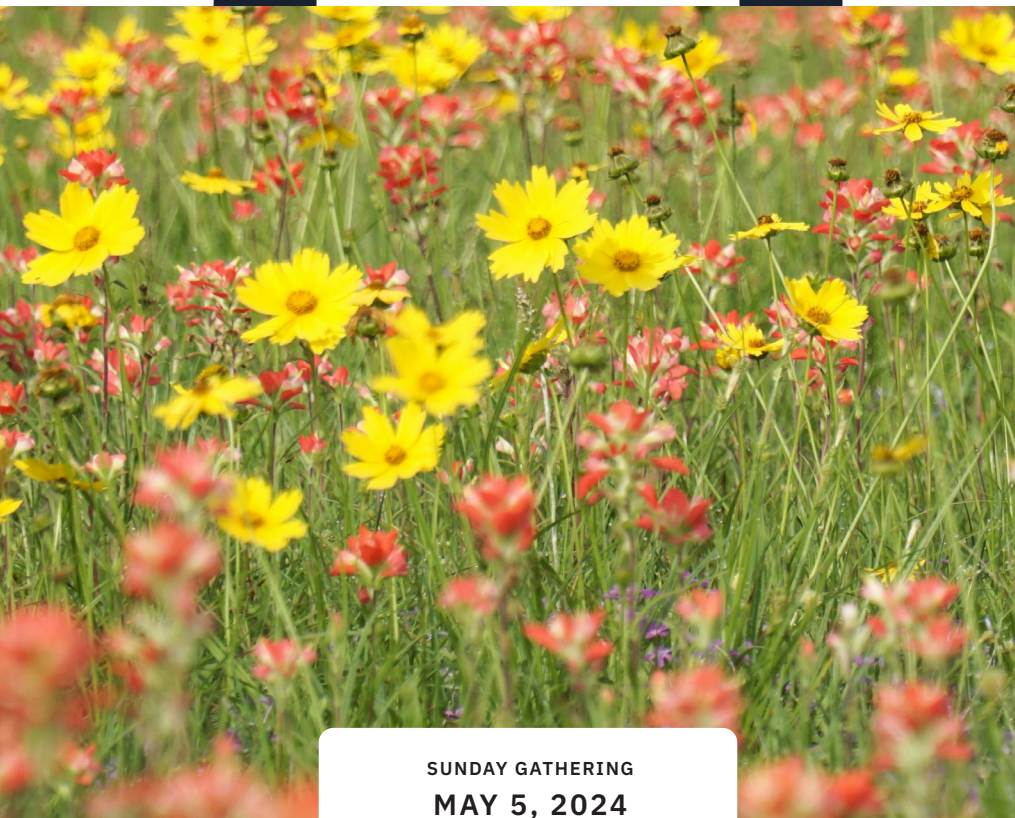


# PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING  
MAY 5, 2024

**CALL TO WORSHIP***Psalm 66:1-8***SONG | Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation  
 All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, praise him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper, thy work and defend thee  
 Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee

Praise the Lord!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
 Shelters thee under his wings yea so gently sustaineth  
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been, granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him  
 Let the amen sound from his people again, gladly forever adore him

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us. You know our countless sins—our pride and unbelief, and our failure to seek you in our daily lives. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves, boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments. You know our tendency towards self-concern, resulting in conceit and vanity. In your tender mercy, forgive us, soften us, and mold us into the image of Jesus. Help us to depend on your grace and strengthen us to live in humble obedience. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON***Ephesians 2:8-10*

**SONG | Abide With Me** ◀

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide  
 The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide  
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile  
 And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
 Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee, on to the close Lord, abide with me

I need thy presence, every passing hour  
 What but thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
 Who like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
 Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
 In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

**SONG | All My Boast is in Jesus** ◀

What wonder of wonders, what love is this, that Christ would die for me  
 His goodness, his merit, his righteousness, this sinner's only plea  
 O foolish pride, be crucified, the work is finished

All my boast is in Jesus, all my hope is his love  
 And I will glory forever, in what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled, with graces undeserved  
 For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return  
 Rise up my soul, and bless the Lord, who else is worthy?

O praise the One forever blessed, him alone my heart adores  
 And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God  
 I glory in weakness, to live is Christ, in plenty or in want  
 That I may know, that all may see, his pow'r within me

Now I stand in this freedom, ransomed, clean in his sight  
 And I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ  
 My boast is Jesus Christ, forever my boast is Jesus Christ

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH** | Adapted from Philippians 2

We believe the Word was in the form of God and did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. He emptied himself, took the form of a servant, and was born in our own likeness. We boast in him, who humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. We believe God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. We believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth; and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD**


*Revelation 2:12-17 (pg 966 in pew bibles)*

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**COMMUNION**

*The communion meal is a sign and seal of a believer's union with Christ. We invite all who have trusted in Christ and been baptized to partake in this meal. If you are still investigating Christianity or not sure what you believe, we invite you to observe during this time and further consider what these things mean.*

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**SONG** | Jesus, Lover of My Soul 

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high  
Hide me, oh my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing

Thou, oh Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee  
Spring thou up within my heart, for all eternity

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**SONG** | Hold Him High 

Before he spoke the word that laid the world's foundation  
He knew us as beloved and adored, set apart in love to be his new creation  
Oh, that we would find in him our great reward  
Hold him high, glorious Jesus Christ

Holiest Son of Man, worthy and lifted lamb  
Heaven's exalted king, he is our righteousness  
Light of the world in us, there is no brighter love  
Hold him high, glorious Jesus Christ

The wonder of his will, revealed in our redemption  
It's only by his blood that we're made whole  
For he is the way, the truth, the life forever  
On the praises of the Church he is enthroned  
Hold him high, glorious Jesus Christ

Holy, holy, God Almighty, awesome, eternal King, and Christ  
Heaven and earth sing, "he is worthy," Lord over all, be lifted high

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**SONG | Praise the Lord Ye Heavens** ◀

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him, praise him angels in the height  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him, praise him, all ye stars of light

Praise the Lord for he hath spoken, worlds his mighty voice obeyed  
Laws which never shall be broken, for their guidance he hath made

All creation join the song of praise, let every tongue declare his mighty ways  
And we will sing of your goodness and mercy all of our days!

Praise the Lord for he is glorious, never shall his promise fail  
God hath made his saints victorious, sin and death shall not prevail  
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Glory, glory, all glory to you Lord!

Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, his power proclaim  
Heav'n and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his Name  
Laud and magnify his Name

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**BENEDICTION** ▶

## GOSPEL COMMUNITIES



Gospel Communities (GCs) are the primary context in our church for discipleship, community, and missional life. They are smaller groups of people within Providence who are seeking to extend grace, speak truth, deal with conflict, meet needs, and invite others in. Groups meet throughout the week and across the city. Scan the QR code to see a full list of GCs or email [gc@providenceaustin.com](mailto:gc@providenceaustin.com) with any questions.

## PROVIDENCE RECOVERY



Providence Recovery is a Christ-centered, twelve-step program designed to help people point each other to Jesus for healing. We do this by providing fellowship and accountability in applying Christian principles and practices to every area of life. Our weekly meetings start at 7:00pm in the Activity Center. Scan the QR code to read more about Recovery or email [recovery@providenceaustin.com](mailto:recovery@providenceaustin.com) with any questions.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

We love students and we'd love to help you get connected to our church. Let's get coffee or meet up on campus. We have monthly social events where you can meet new people and weekly small groups to help you grow in your faith. Reach out to Alex at **214-707-7356** or [alex@providenceaustin.com](mailto:alex@providenceaustin.com).

## PROVIDENCE YOUTH

6th-12th grade students meet every other Sunday after church for food, fellowship, and Bible study. We also have monthly social events and discipleship opportunities. Email [stephen@providenceaustin.com](mailto:stephen@providenceaustin.com) to get connected or for more info on upcoming events.

## SUMMER ELECTIVES | BEGINNING IN JUNE

This summer we are once again offering multiple equipping opportunities. The classes start in June. Head to [providenceaustin.com/summerelectives](http://providenceaustin.com/summerelectives) to learn more about each elective and to register.

## PROVIDENCE EMAIL LIST

During this preaching series in Revelation, we will be sending out weekly devotionals written by members of our church. In addition to these devotionals, we send out weekly reminders, updates, and resources relevant to what is happening in the life of our church at that point in time. We would love to keep you in the loop! To begin receiving emails from us, enter your information at [providenceaustin.com/contact-us](http://providenceaustin.com/contact-us).

## GIVING

We desire that generous giving would be both an act of worship and display of the grace we receive through Christ. There are several ways to give financially to the mission of God through Providence Church:

- 1 You can place your cash and/or check donations in one of the two offering boxes located at the front of the sanctuary.
- 2 You can setup automatic withdraw from your bank account. Go to [www.providenceaustin.com/give](http://www.providenceaustin.com/give) for more info on giving online.
- 3 You can donate stock: Email [donations@providenceaustin.com](mailto:donations@providenceaustin.com).

