

Sierra View Liturgy  
Sunday, January 15, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship:

Let us worship God, our light, and our salvation. The Lord is the stronghold of our lives. We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple. We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Song of Adoration: Hymn #122- "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #9- "Beneath the Cross"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #676- "Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment"

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism Questions #1, 2

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Minister: How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

**Congregation: Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-19

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Congregation: The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my**

**groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.**

—based on Psalm 32:1-6

#### Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.

—based on Psalm 32:1-2

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Mr. Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

Song of Preparation: Red Book #22- "Speak, O Lord"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Pastor Ed Veldhuizen, "Blessing Upon Blessing"

Scripture: John 1:29-34; Revelation 21:1-8

Outline:

- I. That we are created in the image of God
- II. That we may know Jesus Christ
- III. That we value and promote what glorifies Christ
- IV. That we may have a representative government
- V. That we have civil liberties

#### The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants  
Words of Institution  
Distribution of the elements  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people.

—based on Psalm 116:12, 14

Closing Song: Red Book #48- "Go Tell He Is Risen: "

#### Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26, NIV