

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, March 12, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

God invites us into his healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord, who heals you."
Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide. God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician. We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

—based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

Song of Adoration: Hymn #296- "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #170- "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #8- "There Is a Redeemer"

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism

Minister: Q. 29. Why is the Son of God called JESUS, which means SAVIOR?

Congregation: A. Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation is to be sought or found in no other.

Minister: Q. 30. Do those who seek their salvation and well-being from saints, by their own efforts, or by other means really believe in the only Savior Jesus?

Congregation: A. No. Rather, by such actions they deny Jesus, the only Savior and Redeemer, even though they boast of belonging to him. It therefore follows that either Jesus is not a perfect Savior, or those who receive this Savior with true faith must possess in him all that is necessary for their salvation.

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:35-48

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ:
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.

—based on Psalm 32:3-5

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

Song of Preparation: Hymn #537- "Take Time to Be Holy"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, "The Ten Virgins"

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Outline: "Watch and be Ready"

- I. Why the exhortation to watching and ready?
- II. Wisdom and foolishness
- III. What it means to be ready
- IV. Am I foolish or ready; it will be revealed
- V. Lessons for the believer

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—based on 2 Corinthians 9:7

Closing Song: Hymn #726- "Spirit of the Living God"

Benediction

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—based on 1 Thessalonians 5:23