

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, April 16, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore. Come, let us all worship and bow down together, let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

—based on Psalm 95:6-7; 133

Song of Adoration: Hymn #439- “Christ Shall Have Dominion”

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise; Red Book #27- “10,000 Reasons”

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #649- “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Confession of Faith – —Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54 & 55

Minister: What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

Congregation: I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Minister: What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

Congregation: First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37: 15-24

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Forgive us the sins of disunity, O Lord: pride and jealousy and narrow-mindedness. Forgive us the sins of false unity: lack of imagination, apathy, and indifference. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust. Make us many in gifts and talents and vision.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God.

—based on 1 Peter 2:9-10

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

Song of Preparation: Hymn #648- "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Paul Micu, Highview Bible Church,
"Reforming the People of God with the Word of God"

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-12

Outline:

The Lord's Supper

No Lord's Supper this week

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

God of life, we pray that our unity will be seen not only in what we believe but also in how we work together to be salt and light in this world. May our gifts today be a sign for each other and the world, that we pledge to work together in your name for the healing of this broken and hurting world. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: Hymn #731- "Doxology"

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14