

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, April 20, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

—Matthew 11:28-29, NIV

Song of Adoration: Hymn #181- “We Come, O Christ, to You”

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #16- “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #654- “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Questions and Answers 116 & 117

Minister: Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

Congregation: Because it is the chief part of the gratitude which God requires of us, and because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who sincerely beseech him in prayer without ceasing, and who thank him for these gifts.

Minister: What is contained in a prayer which pleases God and is heard by him?

First, that we sincerely call upon the one true God, who has revealed himself to us in his Word, for all that he has commanded us to ask of him. Then, that we thoroughly acknowledge our need and evil condition so that we may humble ourselves in the presence of his majesty. Third, that we rest assured that, in spite of our unworthiness, he will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in his Word.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Peter 2:24

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness. Our offering is an act of worship in which we express our gratitude and reliance on God. For those of you who are guests with us today, giving is not obligatory. We are eager to share with you more about our church and its ministry and to invite you to participate with us as you are called by God.

Song of Preparation: Hymn #481- “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Vitality Kuchkovskiy, Highview Bible Church, “The Reasons for Our Assurance”

Scripture: Romans 8:33-34

Outline:

Two Questions

Five Replies

The Lord's Supper: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #35- “Give Thanks”

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26