

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, May 14, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us. Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us. Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us. To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Song of Adoration: Hymn #116- "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #528- "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #53- "Ancient of Days"

Confession of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. & A. 1-3

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

Congregation: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Minister: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Congregation: The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Minster: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Congregation: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

—based on Isaiah 1:18

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

—based on Ephesians 5:1-2

Song of Preparation: Hymn #605- "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, "An Amazing Blessing"

Scripture: John 20:24-31

Outline:

I. God's Record of Blessings

II. God's Blessing Is Greater than:

III. God's Blessing on the "dissecting table"

IV. God's General Blessing to non-Believers

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #50- "O How He Loves You and Me"

Benediction

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

-Romans 11:33-36