

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, May 21, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude- "Jesus, Lover of My Soul", Harry Jameson, cello

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness. The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and Holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters. Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Song of Adoration- Red Book #42- "Come, People of the Risen King"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #152- "The Law of the Lord is Perfect"

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #43- "O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

Confession of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A 29-31

Minister: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

**Congregation: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.**

Minister: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

**Congregation: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.**

Minister: What is effectual calling?

**Congregation: Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

**Congregation: Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. By faith I have a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the Gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

—from Romans 3:22, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

### The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Giver of every good and perfect gift, we marvel at your love and care for us and for all that you have made. Help us by your Holy Spirit to lift our hearts to you, to taste and see that you are good, and to live lives of abundant generosity, full of gratitude and grace, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### Song of Preparation: Hymn #697- "Wonderful Words of Life"

### Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, "The Pharisee and the Rabbi"

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Outline:

- I. Unless You are Born Again: Accomplishment Unraveled
- II. The Spirit Gives Birth to Spirit: A Need for a New Life
- III. We Speak of What We Know: The Mission of the Son of Man

### The Lord's Supper

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

### Closing Song: Red Book #35- "Give Thanks"

### Benediction

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

—based on 2 Corinthians 13:13 [14]