

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, May 7, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come, let us adore him.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come, let us adore him.
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come, let us adore him.
Lord, open our lips. And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Song of Adoration: Hymn #345- "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Prayer of Invocation

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

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #599- "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Confession of Faith –

Minister: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation:

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made: of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

—Nicene Creed

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-31

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my sins.

—based on Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

—based on Psalm 145:13-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Mr. Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. We will sacrifice a thank offering to God and call on the name of the Lord. We will fulfill our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all God's people. Let each of us use whatever gift we have received, faithfully sharing God's grace in many forms. Freely we have received; freely we will give.

Song of Preparation: Red Book #22- "Speak, O Lord"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, "Jesus Appearance to the Disciples, Thomas Being Present"

Scripture: John 20:24-31

Outline:

- I. The Risen Christ Appears
- II. The Risen Christ Restores
- III. The Risen Christ Commissions

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #48- "Go Tell He Is Risen"

Benediction

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

-1 Peter 5:10-11