

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, June 18, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe. In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you. You call us to worship you now in this time and place, in unity with prophets, martyrs, and saints from all times and places. As we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. Bless those who lead us in worship with your Spirit. May our worship today help us to offer our entire lives to you and unite us with your whole church throughout the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit is one God, blessed forever. Amen.

Song of Adoration: Hymn #111- "This Is My Father's World"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #34- "Father, Long Before Creation"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #676- "Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment"

Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

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.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

**Congregation: Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus 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: "In a surge of anger, I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord your Redeemer. "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

—Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22, NIV

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dr. Harry Jameson, Deacon & Retired Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

—based on Matthew 6:19-20

Song of Preparation: Hymn #461- "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Chaplain Brent England, "Caught Between a Fish and a Hard Place"

Scripture: Jonah 2

Outline: None provided

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

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

-Hebrews 13:20-21