

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, June 25, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude, Rick Tuttrup, guest pianist

Call to Worship

God anointed Christ to console the afflicted. Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved. Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded. Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled. Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

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

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #47- "The Goodness of Jesus"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #629- "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Confession of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A 38-40

Minister: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

Congregation: It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favor, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Minister: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

Congregation: It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that He might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

Minister: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

Congregation: It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should Himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: God blesses those who realize their need for Him, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them. But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency. We have forgotten how needy we are. God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. But we have not mourned over our sins, instead we have insulated ourselves from those around us, from their pain, needs, loneliness, and suffering. We have even hardened ourselves so that we are unaware that our own lives cause grief to the Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other and to all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated. Make us humble enough to help and comfort them, so that your love and justice and peace may come to them. We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Song of Preparation: (New)- "I Asked the Lord", John Newton

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, "The God of All Comfort: From Suffering to Comfort to Comforters"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Outline:

- I. The Father of Mercies and God of All Comfort
- II. Sharing in Christ's Suffering
- III. Receiving Christ's Comfort
- IV. Comforting Others in Any Affliction

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Hymn #726- "Spirit of the Living God"

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