

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, June 4, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

—based on Psalm 24:1-4

Song of Adoration: Red Book #49- "God Is for Us"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #52- "O Great God"

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #41- "Jesus, There's No One Like You"

Confession of Faith – The Belgic Confession, Article 2: The Means by Which We Know God
Minister: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: We know God by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: God's eternal power and divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict humans and to leave them without excuse. Second, God makes himself known to us more clearly by his Holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God's glory and for our salvation.

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:18-23

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Lord, we cry to you to heal our wounds. We call to you in distress and plead for your salvation. We have sinned against your law and failed to do your will; we confess that we've disobeyed your Holy Word. We pray, purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of bitterness. Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—based on a text of Ulrich Zwingli (1529)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me." Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live.

Song of Preparation: Hymn #139- "Your Word Is Like a Garden, Lord"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Missionary Dave Diaso, "God's Presence: A Game Changer"

Scripture: Joshua 1: 1-9

Outline: None provided

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #51- "The Bond of Love"

Benediction

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever!

—from Hebrews 13:20-21