

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, July 9, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

O Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal's death, we enter your presence in awe and adoration...., centuries ago, you could have saved your life, but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born. You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as yourself, and when that love required you to shoulder a cross, you summoned the strength to bear it. Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross, teach us its meaning once again and help us to take up our cross and follow you.

Song of Adoration: Hymn #295- "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #6- "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #638- "Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me"

Confession of Faith – Q & A —based on Belgic Confession, Art. 20-21

Minister: What do you believe about the work of God?

Congregation: We believe that God who is perfectly merciful and also very just sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.

Minister: And what do you believe about the work of Jesus Christ?

Congregation We believe that Jesus Christ presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.

Minister: Why did he endure all this?

Congregation: He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.

Minister: What comfort does this give you?

Congregation: We find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22:1-11

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: When we have afflicted others, whether by our own power or by our silent support of systems that oppress, enslave, and crush, break us, Lord. When we have perplexed others and purposely confused them for our own gain or driven them to despair, break us, Lord. When we have persecuted others, casting them out of our community, leaving them forsaken and alone, break us, Lord. When we have struck down others, casting stones on their dreams and hopes until they are destroyed, break us, Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

—based on Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dr. Harry Jameson

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song of Preparation: Hymn #468- “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Vitaliy Kuchkovskiy, “Forsaken for Our Sake”

Scripture: Mark 15:33-41

Outline: None provided

The Lord's Supper – No Supper this week

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

Benediction

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

-1 Thessalonians 5:23-24