

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, August 20, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Let us worship God. "He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust." Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Let us call upon our true God, believing Him in our hearts, confessing Him with our mouths, worshiping Him in spirit and in truth.

—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

Song of Adoration: Hymn #598- "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

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

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #44- "Jesus, Thank You"

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: Isaiah 53:1-11

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Almighty God, so many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune, sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow, yet still clinging to faith in you. So too, O Lord, are our hearts. In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most: His cross makes our forgiveness possible, and His Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises. Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins. Eagerly we plead your help to enthrone in our hearts David's Son: Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord. And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. By faith I have a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

—from Romans 3:22, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

—based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8

Song of Preparation: Red Book #9- "Beneath the Cross"

Sermon: Pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, "The Plan of God: All Things Under Christ"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-14

Outline:

- I. Redemption through His Blood
- II. The Plan of God Revealed
- III. The Seal is the Spirit

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #35- "Give Thanks"

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