

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, August 27, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

—based on Psalm 86:8-10

Song of Adoration: Hymn #122- “God, All Nature Sings Your Glory”

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Red Book #29- “All Must Be Well”

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #402- “Abide with Me”

Confession of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A 41-43

Minister: Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

**Congregation: Our Mediator was called Jesus because he saveth his people from their sins.**

Minister: Why was our Mediator called Christ?

**Congregation: Our Mediator was called Christ because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so, set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the office of prophet, priest, and king of his Church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.**

Minister: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

**Congregation: Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in his revealing to the Church, in all ages, by his Spirit and Word, in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God, in all things concerning their edification and salvation.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-8

Confession of Sin

Minister: Lord, you said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

**Congregation: Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.**

Minister: Lord, you said, “You may ask for anything in my name.”

**Congregation: Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.**

Minister: Lord, you said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

**Congregation: We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.**

Minister: Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

**Congregation: Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.**

Minister: Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

**Congregation: We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.**

Minister: Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**Congregation: In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

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

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. Thanks be to God.

—based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rev. Brandon Edmonds

#### The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

—based on 1 John 3:17-18

#### Song of Preparation: Hymn #30- "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#### Sermon: Pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, "Grace for Exiles in a World Upside Down"

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-21

Outline:

- I. The Plan of Nebuchadnezzar
- II. The Faith of Daniel
- III. The Faithfulness of God

#### 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

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, NIV