

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, August 6, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises. Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit and help us to celebrate our faith.

Song of Adoration: Hymn #302- "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

Prayer of Invocation: Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

Song of Praise: Red Book #18- "His Love Can Never Fail"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #152- "The Law of the Lord Is Perfect"

Confession of Faith –

Minister: What do you believe about the church of Christ?

Congregation: We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers.

Minister: What binds them all together?

Congregation: They await their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, having been washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Minister: When did this church begin?

Congregation: This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects.

Minister: How is this church preserved?

Congregation: This holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small in the eyes of humankind—as though it were snuffed out.

Minister: How big is this church?

Congregation: This holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

—based on Belgic Confession, Art. 27

Scripture Reading: Romans 12

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

—based on Ezekiel 36:25-26

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession –Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Song of Preparation: Hymn #697- “Wonderful Words of Life”

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Vitaliy Kuchkovskiy, “Our Mighty Fortress”

Scripture: Psalm 46

Outline:

- God's Protection (vv. 1-3)
- God's Provision (vv. 4-7)
- God's Purpose (vv. 8-11)

The Lord's Supper – Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Hymn #735- “Gloria Patri”

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

—The Aaronic Blessing, Numbers 6:24-26, NIV