Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy Sunday, September 10, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

—based on Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

Song of Adoration: Hymn #347- "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Red Book #53- "Ancient of Days"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #649- "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Confession of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A 41-42, 45

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 king?

Congregation: Christ executeth the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to Himself; and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which He visibly governs them: in bestowing saving grace upon His elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for His own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-13

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God. Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Song of Preparation: Hymn #518- "Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"

Sermon: Pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, "The Power of God: Jesus Enthroned as the Loving King"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Outline:

- I. The Power of the Resurrection
- II. The Enthronement of Jesus
- III. The Victory of the Church in Christ

The Lord's Supper
Invitation to Communicants
Words of Institution
Distribution of the elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #50- "O How He Loves You and Me"

Benediction

As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust His incomparably great power for us who believe.

—based on Ephesians 1:18-19