

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready! We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn! We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

—based on Psalm 108:1-4

Song of Adoration: Hymn #650- “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Red Book #46- “May the Peoples Praise You”

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #23- “O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 11-14

Minister: But is not God also merciful?

Congregation: God is indeed merciful and gracious, but He is also righteous. It is His righteousness which requires that sin committed against the supreme majesty of God be punished with extreme, that is, with eternal punishment of body and soul.

Minister: Since, then, by the righteous judgment of God we have deserved temporal and eternal punishment, how may we escape this punishment, come again to grace, and be reconciled to God?

Congregation: God wills that His righteousness be satisfied; therefore, payment in full must be made to His righteousness, either by ourselves or by another.

Minister: Can we make this payment ourselves?

Congregation: By no means. On the contrary, we increase our debt each day.

Minister: Can any mere creature make the payment for us?

Congregation: No one. First of all, God does not want to punish any other creature for man’s debt. Moreover, no mere creature can bear the burden of God’s eternal wrath against sin and redeem others from it.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; He has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

—Romans 5:8-9, NIV

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dr. Harry Jameson, Deacon

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

—from Hebrews 13:16

Song of Preparation: Hymn #465- “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Sermon: Pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, “Grace Alone: From Death to Life through Christ”

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Outline:

- I. Guilt: The Life of Bondage that Was

- II. Grace: New Life through Faith

- III. Gratitude: What We were Made For

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving 31

Closing Song: Hymn #730- “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

Benediction/Doxology

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

—Jude 24-25, NIV

