

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, September 3, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation. The Lord is the stronghold of our lives. We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple. We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Song of Adoration: Hymn #16- "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Hymn #646- "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #481- "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Confession of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A 41-42, 44

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 priest?

Congregation: Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of his people; and in making continual intercession for them.

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:12-18

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins

Congregation: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

—based on Psalm 32:3-5

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Song of Preparation: Red Book #54- "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Sermon: Pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, "The Prayer of Paul: A Pastor's Desire for his Flock"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-20

Outline:

I. The spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him

II. Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened

III. That you may know:

- a. Hope
- b. Riches
- c. God's greatness

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #48- "Go Tell He is Risen"

Benediction

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—based on 1 Thessalonians 5:23