

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, October 1, 2023

Welcome and Announcements: Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

The eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins, who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and who will love us forever, calls us to worship him today as the only true lover of our souls. The Lord stoops to receive the love of our poor hearts. He calls us to remember the depth of his love for us in Christ. God seeks our love!

Song of Adoration: Hymn #295- "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Hymn #500- "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #8- "There Is A Redeemer"

Confession of Faith – Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A 32

Minister: How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

Congregation: The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he freely provideth and offereth to sinners a mediator, and life and salvation by him; and, requiring faith as the condition to interest them in him, promiseth and giveth his Holy Spirit to all his elect, to work in them that faith, with all other saving graces; and to enable them unto all holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith, and thankfulness to God, and as the way which he hath appointed them to salvation.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 138

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ:
Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. By faith I have a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

—from Romans 3:22, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—from Acts 20:35, NIV

Song of Preparation: Hymn #461- "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Sermon: Pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, "Set Free: Sola Gratia and Sola Fide"

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9

Outline:

- I. By Grace - The Foundation of Salvation

- II. Through Faith - The Gift of God

- III. Not By Works - Freedom from Bondage and Boasting

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Hymn #384- "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing-vs. 1-2"

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.

—Numbers 6:24-26, NIV