

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, October 15, 2023

Welcome and Announcements: Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you. We gather, alive to the Word of God. You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind. We listen, alive to the Word of God. You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us. We watch and wait for the Word of God.

Song of Adoration: Hymn #521- "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Red Book #29- "All Must Be Well"

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #3- "In Christ Alone"

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

Minister: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

Congregation: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ:

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

—John 3:16-17, NRSV

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Rick Moore, Ruling Elder

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song of Preparation: “All Things New”

Sermon: Pastor: Rev. Brandon Edmonds, “The Olivet Discourse: How to Read the Times”

Scripture: Mark 13

Outline:

- I. Looking at the Time(s) - Interpreting Jesus' Words
- II. Looking at the Past - Salvation to Jewish Christians
- III. Looking toward the End - Salvation to the World

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

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever!

—based on Hebrews 13:20-21