

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, October 27, 2024

Welcome and Announcements: Dennis Ferris

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 46:7-11

Pastor: The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Congregation: Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

Pastor: He makes wars cease

to the ends of the earth.

**Congregation: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

Pastor: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

**Congregation: I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."**

**All: The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #92: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #152- The Law of the Lord is Perfect

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #465: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism

60 Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me

of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments,

of never having kept any of them,

and of still being inclined toward all evil,

nevertheless, without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.

All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

61 Q. Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

A. Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith.

It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness
and make it mine in no other way than through faith.

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 3:1-10

Confession of Sin: Psalm 130

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

Congregation: O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Pastor: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

**Congregation: But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.**

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope;

**Congregation: my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning!**

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

Congregation: For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

Pastor: and with Him is plentiful redemption.

**All: And He will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities!**

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:4-10

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: "Here I Stand" Sierra View Choir

Sermon text: Romans 3:9-31

9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, **10** as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good, not even one.”

13 “Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

17 and the way of peace they have not known.”

18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in

Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. **26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. **28** For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. **29** Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also, of Gentiles also, **30** since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. **31** Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Children's Message

Sermon: Grace to the Lost

Outline:

- I. Under or Apart from Law: All Have Sinned
- II. Just and Justifier: Christ Alone
- III. The Law of Faith: Justified and Adopted

Exhortation to Prepare for the Lord's Supper: 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. **28** Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

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

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.