

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, January 5, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Moore

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:19-24

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**Congregation: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**Congregation: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #103- Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #537- Take Time to Be Holy

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #645- Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Confession of Sin Psalm 25:6-18

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**Congregation: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**Congregation: He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.**

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Congregation: For your name's sake, O Lord,

pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Pastor: Who is the man who fears the Lord?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

**Congregation: His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.**

Pastor: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.

**Congregation: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

Pastor: Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

**Congregation: The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.**

**All: Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Holy Forever

Sermon text: 1 Peter 1:13-25

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **14** As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, **15** but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, **16** since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." **17** And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, **18** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a

lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; **24** for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Children's Message

Sermon: Another Year in Exile: Resting in Grace, Striving to Holiness, Reaching out in Love

Outline:

- I. Called to Hope: Resting in Grace
- II. Called to be like God: Striving to Holiness
- III. Called to Love: Strangers in a Strange Land

Song of Grace: Hymn #425- Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Invitation to Table: Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

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

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.