

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy  
Sunday, April 13, 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: Red Book #53- Ancient of Days

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #402- Abide with Me

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #41- Jesus, There's No One Like You

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 29-30

Q. Why is the Son of God called "Jesus,"  
meaning "savior"?

A. Because he saves us from our sins,  
and because salvation should not be sought  
and cannot be found in anyone else.

Q. Why is he called "Christ,"  
meaning "anointed"?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father  
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit<sup>1</sup>  
to be our chief prophet and teacher  
who fully reveals to us  
the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;

our only high priest  
who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,  
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;  
and our eternal king  
who governs us by his Word and Spirit,  
and who guards us and keeps us  
in the freedom he has won for us.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Confession of Sin  
Most merciful God,  
we your Church confess  
that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.  
Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,  
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips  
and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,  
forgive us, we pray;  
and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Harry Jameson

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #235- All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Sermon text: Matthew 21:1-12,33-46

**1** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." **4** This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,  
**5** "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

**6** The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. **7** They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. **8** Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” **10** And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” **11** And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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**33** “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. **34** When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. **35** And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. **36** Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. **37** Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ **38** But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ **39** And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. **40** When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” **41** They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

**42** Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

**43** Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. **44** And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

**45** When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. **46** And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Children's Message

Sermon: The Parable of the Vinyard

Outline:

- I. The Vinyard
- II. The Tenants
- III. The Son

Closing Song: Red Book #51- The Bond of Love

Benediction: John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.