Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy Sunday, June 15, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Moore

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

Congregation: His love endures forever!

Pastor: Cry out, "Save us, God our Savior!

Congregation: Gather us and deliver us from the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise!"

All: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

Song of Adoration: Hymn #570- Faith of Our Fathers!

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #52- O Great God

Profession of Faith

Q. 69 How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A. In this way:

Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

## Q. 74 Should infants also be baptized?

A. Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith.

Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers.

This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. In Jesus name, Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Song of Baptism: Hymn #642- Be Thou My Vision

Baptism of Miriam Sojourner Rowe

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Dennis Ferris

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #591- Jesus Calls Us

## Sermon texts:

Luke 6:12-16

12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: 14 Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, 15 and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

### 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**1** And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. **2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much

trembling, **4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

# Children's Message

Sermon: The Calling of the Twelve: Recipients of Grace

Outline:

I. The Unexpected Choice

- II. The Purposeful Choice
- III. The Gracious Choice

Closing Song: Hymn #726- Spirit of the Living God

Benediction: Adapted from 2 Corinthians 4:6

May God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," shine in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ!