

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, August 24, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Moore

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3

Pastor: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

Congregation: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

Pastor: my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

Congregation: my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #342: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #34: Father, Long Before Creation

Song of Thanksgiving: I Will Change Your Name

Profession of Faith

Q & A 16

Q. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

A. God's justice demands
that human nature, which has sinned,
must pay for sin;¹
but a sinful human could never pay for others.²

Q & A 17

Q. Why must the mediator also be true God?

A. So that the mediator,
by the power of his divinity,
might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity
and earn for us
and restore to us
righteousness and life.¹

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven.
We have tried to heal ourselves.
Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ,
we have tried to work off our guilt.
We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins.
When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction.
Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have tried to change through our own efforts.
We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower.
This has left some of us arrogant.
This has left most of us anxious and depressed.
Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.
Forgive us for neglecting your grace.
Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.
He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #521: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Children's Song

Sermon text: Luke 6:46-49

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? **47** Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: **48** he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. **49** But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

Sermon: The Sermon on the Plain: A Strong Foundation

Outline:

- I. The Danger of Shallow Acceptance
- II. A Foundation on the Rock
- III. A Foundation on Sand
- IV. A Decision Before Us

Closing Song: Hymn #727: Lead Me, Lord

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.