

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, June 7, 2025

Welcome and Announcements - Rick Moore

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 63

Pastor: You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;

**Congregation: I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.**

Pastor: I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

**Congregation: Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.**

**All: I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #198- Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! vss, 1-5
Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #37- Agnus Dei

Song of Thanksgiving: Holy Forever

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 62

Q. Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God,
or at least a part of our righteousness?

A. Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must
in every way measure up to the divine law.

But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin.

Confession of Sin:

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before
you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you.
Therefore, we ask that you reveal our sins to us so that we may humble ourselves again in your
presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts
about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve your heart. We have
committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our
sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness
and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

4 Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #478- I Love to Tell the Story

Sermon text: Acts 8:26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. **27** And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." **30** So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. **36** And as they were going along the road

they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" **38** And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the

water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. **39** And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Children's Message

Sermon: He Preached to Him Jesus, Rev. Ed Veldhuizen

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

Invitation to Table: John 7:37-39

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" **39** Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Song: The Bond of Love

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.