

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, July 5, 2025

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the Lord, he is God!

**Congregation: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are His people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

All: For the Lord is good;

**His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #4- All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Prayer of Invocation

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

Confession of Sin

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow him more faithfully. As we have received him, so strengthen us to walk in him, depend on him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Give us an experience of your grace that makes us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of your saving mercy. In Jesus name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 2:22-25

22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. **23** When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to

sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. **25** For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Dennis Ferris

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #460-Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Sermon text:

Jeremiah 29:4-7

4 “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: **5** Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. **6** Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. **7** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

1 Peter 3:4-17

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, **5** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. **12** Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, **14** or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those

who do good. **15** For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. **16** Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. **17** Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Children's Message

Sermon: Citizens of Heaven Living in the World

Outline:

- I. The Good of the City
- II. Heavenly Citizens
- III. Servants of God

Song of Grace: Yet Not I but Christ in Me

Invitation to Table: John 6:47-51

47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. **48** I am the bread of life. **49** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **50** This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. **51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Prayer of Receiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer for Blessing

Closing Song: Hymn #725- The Lord's Prayer

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.