

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day

February 11, 2018

Prelude

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Choral Introit (11:00)

My inmost heart now raises, in this fair morning hour, a song of thankful praises to Thine almighty power. O God, upon Thy throne, to honor and adore Thee, I bring my praise before Thee, through Christ, Thine only Son.

† Call to Worship Psalm 77:11–14

Pastor: I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

People: I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Pastor: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

People: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

38 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord's Prayer Together as God's People

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Affirmation of Faith The Rev. Nathan E. Currey

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A's 32-35 (pages 871-872)

Δ† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

§ We Confess Our Sin

All knowing and all powerful Heavenly Father, we are so thankful that we cannot get away from you even when we try. Though we have often strayed from you and brought darkness, pain and loneliness into our lives, yet you never leave or forsake us. In our sin we throw away far more than we ever gain. Forgive us and transform us, Holy Father. Disrupt our wayward ways; block our path when we run from you; make us thirsty and hungry for your love when we drink from the poisonous wells of sinful pleasures or when we greedily grasp our own selfish pursuits. Out of our weariness and want we return to you today. As the pleasures of your presence surpass every unruly passion, may we once again know the unspeakable joy of belonging to you now and forever. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

24 *Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty*

(11:00) Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Children's Church (look for the flag bearer)

† The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you.")

§ Morning Prayer Elder Joel Thomas

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading Rev. Aaron J. Suber

1 John 1:1-2:6

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

"A Spiritual Checkup: Walk in the Light"

† Hymn of Response (as the Elders prepare the Table)

476 *The Light of the World is Jesus* (1-2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings.

Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

476 *The Light of the World is Jesus* (3-4)

† Benediction Rev. Suber

† Hymn of Dismissal

243 *Praise the Savior Now and Ever* (4)

For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father sing; praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit, he doth us salvation bring.

Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

§ Indicates the congregation kneeling (if able)

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers