

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
September 10, 2017

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)

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart, with tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share, yea, heaven itself were void and bare if Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my heart for sorrow break, my trust in Thee no one could shake. Thou art the Portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought. Lord Jesus Christ! Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

† Call to Worship

 Isaiah 57:14-15

Pastor: "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way." For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

People: *"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

103 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

† 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 4-7 (page 869, responsively as God's people)

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

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

 Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

162 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

(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 Bob Albright

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

 The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

Isaiah 57

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

The Lord Saves

"The Holy One is the Merciful One"

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

631 *From Every Stormy Wind That Blows* (1-4)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

 Rev. Currey

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

631 *From Every Stormy Wind That Blows* (5-6)

† Benediction

 Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

469 *How Sweet and Awesome is the Place* (6)

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

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