

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
April 30, 2023

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)

Western Christian High School (Iowa) Concert Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou ev'ry good to my body and soul. Be thou my shelter and my stronghold. Be thou my dignity, be my delight. Be thou my peace in the day and by night.

† Call to Worship Psalm 104:31-34

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

People: May the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

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 Who 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 1-6 (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, poor sinners, acknowledge before you, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ Romans 8:31-34

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

699 *Like a River Glorious*

(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 Mike Preston

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory WCHS Choir

† 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. Currey

James 3:13-18

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Living Faith for Trying Times

"Where's Your Wisdom From?"

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

149 *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth* (1-2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

The Rev. 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 is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

149 *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth* (3-4)

† Benediction Rev. Currey

† Hymn of Dismissal

311 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (4)

O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed; the tide of time shall never His covenant remove, His name shall stand forever - that name to us is love.

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