

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 31, 2017

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "Nothing but the Blood"

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism #23, 24, 25 & 26

Minister: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

All: Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

All: Christ executes the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

All: Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

All: Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

"Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

Call to Confession

Mark 7:14-16, 21-23

Minister: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Public Confession

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 6:5-7

Minister: If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

"10,000 Reasons"**Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Tithes and Offerings**

Musical Offering

The Doxology**Prayer of Dedication****Sermon****"Marveling at the Light"**

Luke 2:22-35

Rev. Richard Colquitt

Closing Song | "Amazing Grace"**Benediction****Postlude**