

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 11, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 60-61

Leader: How are you right with God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Leader: Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

People: It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

"Oh How I Need You"

Call to Confession

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 45-48; Exodus 20:3

Minister: What is the first commandment?

People: The first commandment is: You shall have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:3)

Minister: What does the first commandment require?

People: The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Minister: What does the first commandment forbid?

People: The first commandment forbids denying God or not worshipping and glorifying him as the true God and our God. It also forbids giving worship and glory, which he alone deserves, to anyone or anything else.

Minister: What are we specifically taught in the first commandment by the words before me?

People: The words before me in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees everything, notices and is very offended by the sin of having any other god.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against

you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Isaiah 1:18

Minister: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

Celebration of Infant Baptism

(8:30) Henry Hedwall McElvy

(8:30) Sheppard Calhoun McElvy

(11:15) Jackson Robert Etzkin

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "Festival on Ellacombe"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Born Again"

John 2:23-3:8

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song | "Good, Good Father"

Benediction

Postlude