

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 29, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

People: We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

"One Thing Remains"

Call to Confession

Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 123-125
Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 64; Exodus 20:12

Minister: What is the fifth commandment?

People: The fifth commandment is: Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister: To whom does father and mother refer in the fifth commandment?

People: Father and mother refer not just to our parents but to everyone who is older or more talented than we are, and specifically to those whom God has ordained to be over us in positions of authority, whether in our family, the church, or civil government.

Minister: Why are those over us referred to as father and mother?

People: The terms father and mother remind those in authority that, like fathers and mothers, they are responsible for and should act in a loving and tender way, appropriately reflecting their particular relationship, toward those under them; and those under them are also encouraged to accept their authority more willingly and cheerfully, as if they were their parents.

Minister: What does the fifth commandment require?

People: The fifth commandment requires us to respect and treat others, whether above, below, or equal to us, as their position or our relationship to them demands.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon you, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit

of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Hebrews 9:13-14

Minister: For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

"Abide with Me"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "Come Flood This Heart of Mine"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"The Two Ways"

Psalm 1

Patrick Fischl

Closing Song | "All Must Be Well"

Benediction

Postlude