

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 13, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "Amazing Grace"

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*

***The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

"Whom Shall I Fear?"

Call to Confession

Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 137-138;
Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 109; Exodus 20:14

Minister: What is the seventh commandment?

People: The seventh commandment is: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: What does the seventh commandment require?

People: The seventh commandment requires us to be sexually pure in body, mind, inclinations, words and actions, and to maintain that purity in ourselves and others. We are to monitor what we look at as well as what we experience with our other senses; and we are to live temperately, keeping pure company and dressing modestly. Those who cannot control their sexual desires should marry, loving and living together with their spouses. We should also work hard at whatever we are called to do, avoiding all opportunities for indecency, and resisting any temptation to say, think, or do anything indecent or obscene.

Minister: Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

People: We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why he forbids everything which incites unchastity, whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.

Public Confession

Minister: Most merciful Father, we have sinned against you and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues:

All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Minister: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes:

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, status and wealth than you have already given us.

Minister: Forgive us the sins of our hearts:

All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity and, above all, for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love. Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride and melt our hearts. Give grace to be holy, kind, gentle and pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, being transformed into your likeness.

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!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "Nothing but the Blood"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"The Woman at the Well, Part 1: Water"

John 4:1-18

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song | "The Stand"

Benediction

Postlude