

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 9, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

"Gloria Patri"

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 1:1

Minister: Christian, what we do we believe about Holy Scripture?

All: Our natural understanding and the works of creation and providence so clearly show God's goodness, wisdom, and power that human beings have no excuse for not believing in him. However, these means alone cannot provide that knowledge of God and of his will which is necessary for salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord at different times and in various ways to reveal himself and to declare that this revelation contains his will for his church.

Afterwards it pleased God to put this entire revelation into writing so that the truth might be better preserved and transmitted and that the church, confronted with the corruption of the flesh and the evil purposes of Satan and the world, might be more securely established and comforted. Since God no longer reveals himself to his people in those earlier ways, Holy Scripture is absolutely essential.

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Call to Confession

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 42-44

Minister: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

People: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Minister: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

People: The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Minister: What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

People: The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us, that because God is the Lord, and is our God, and Redeemer, we must keep all his commandments.

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!

"Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted"

Pastoral Prayer for Children on Promotion Sunday

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | CEPC Band

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Call the Witnesses, Part 1"

John 5:31-38

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song | "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Benediction

Postlude