

Christ Church

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Reformed Teaching  *Re-forming People***Prelude****Moments of Concern**

Call to Worship: Psalm 94:12 Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 17 (page 17)

***Hymn of Adoration:** 98 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***Call to Confession:** Ezekiel 18:30-32 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord God. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

***Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, the high ransom price of the blood of Your Son, Jesus, was paid for us, and yet we have not drawn near to You as You have called us to do. We have neglected our new standing of being made righteous and accepted in Your presence. We have failed to live the new life of righteousness and self-sacrifice and joy and love and mercy even though Your Word tells us that we have been made alive in Christ. Nor have we properly set our desires on heaven. Forgive our faithlessness and cleanse us of it. We offer our plea in the Name of Jesus who gave Himself that we might live. Amen.

***Agnus Dei**

Women & Children: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Men: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

All: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon:** Isaiah 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri:** No. 142

***Collect of the Day:** O God, grant that our prayers would reflect Your gracious work in us – that we might love what You command and desire what You promise. As the world around us changes, may our hearts be fixed on You, confident that true joy is found in You. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 4:2-6 (page 1047)

Psalter Selection: Psalm 29

You sons of the gods, give the LORD as His right,
Ascribe to the LORD both great glory and might.
And unto the LORD's name its glory accord;
In splendor of holiness worship the LORD.

The LORD's voice is over the waters abroad;
And thunder proceeds from the glorious God.
Above the great waters the LORD from His height!
The LORD's voice of splendor! The LORD's voice of might!

The voice of the LORD splits the cedars in two;
The LORD shatters trees that in Lebanon grew.
Then Lebanon's hills and Mount Sirion reeled
When He made them skip like young calves in the field.

The LORD's voice in flashes of lightning exclaims,
The places it strikes all burst out into flames;
The voice of the LORD makes the wilderness quake;

The LORD makes the desert of Kadesh to shake.

The LORD's voice induces the deer to give birth,
And strips bare the forests that cover the earth;
But inside His temple all things will exclaim,
And everything found there "Glory!" proclaim.

The LORD ruled as King as the floodwaters raged,
And still shall the LORD rule throughout every age.
The LORD will the strength of His people increase;
The LORD gives His people the blessing of peace.

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Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** 446 "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

Sermon: Colossians 4:2-4

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison) Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, Forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response:** Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** 443 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**