

Christ Church

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*Reformed Teaching* † *Re-forming People*

**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 24:1, 25:1

The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness,

The world and those who dwell therein.

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 33

Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

**A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the coming-to-life of the new.**

Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

**A. It is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it.**

Q. What is the coming-to-life of the new self?

**A. It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.**

Q. What do we do that is good?

**A. Only that which arises out of true faith, conforms to God's law, and is done for his glory; and not that which is based on what we think is right or on established human tradition.**

**Call to Confession:** Ezra 9:5-6 At the evening sacrifice I arose from my fasting; and having torn my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God. And I said: "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens."

**Prayer of Confession:** Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed

too much the devices and desires of our own hearts and have not hated our sins. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. We have fallen far short of offering the proper worship You deserve. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us, O God, who confess our faults. Restore us who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may produce truly good works arising from faith, conforming to Your law and executed reverently for Your glory. Amen.

**Kyrie: (recited, not sung)**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** God sent a reply to Josiah, the repenting king of Judah which said, "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words . . . and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you." (excerpted from 2 Chronicles 34:26-27)

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri: (recited, not sung)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

**Collect of the Day:** Father in heaven, we are so affected by sin that unless you give us grace we would not even be able to discern how needy we are for grace. Pour Your grace on us so that we might love Your commandments and long for the fulfilment of Your promises. Keep us following Jesus so that we at last will come to partake of heavenly treasure. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*First Reading:** Acts 2:42-45; 4:32-37

<sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

<sup>43</sup> **Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.**

<sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

<sup>45</sup> **and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.**

<sup>32</sup> Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

<sup>33</sup> **And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.**

<sup>34</sup> Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

<sup>35</sup> **and laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.**

<sup>36</sup> And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,

<sup>37</sup> **having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.**

**\*Second Reading: *Matthew 13:44-46***

<sup>44</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> **"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,**

<sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**Missions Moment**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon: Generosity – Part 7**

**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.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**