

Christ Church

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Reformed Teaching † *Re-forming People*

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 37:3-6

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

Delight yourself also in the LORD,

And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD,

Trust also in Him,

And He shall bring *it* to pass.

He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,

And your justice as the noonday.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 35

Q. What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

A. That we in no way make any image of God nor worship him in any other way than he has commanded in His word.

Q. May we then not make any image at all?

A. God can not and may not be visibly portrayed in any way.

Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.

Q. But may not images be permitted in the churches as teaching aids for the unlearned?

A. No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God. He wants his people instructed by the living preaching of his Word – not by idols that cannot even talk.

Call to Confession: Psalm 143:7-8

Answer me speedily, O LORD; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for we have neglected applying ourselves to carefully attending to the preaching of Your Word. Cleanse our hearts of all idolatry that would lead us to look for more exciting or stimulating methods of worship or knowing Your will apart from Your Word. Purify our worship and our affections and grant us understanding of Your Word. Teach us to desire heartily what you would give us. Grant us strong and unwavering conviction to hold to Your Word, and forgive us for our cowardice in times past. We pray in the Name of our Savior, Jesus, whose blood has removed our guilt. Amen.

Kyrie: (recited, not sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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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: Almighty and Merciful God, we are dependent on a fresh and steady supply of Your grace to enable us to stand when our faith is tested. Give us grace to humbly fear and obey You and to

wait on You for help and deliverance in this cursed world. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 36:1-22**

¹ Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.

² **Then the king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh with a great army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. And he stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller's Field.**

³ And Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.

⁴ **Then the Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What confidence is this in which you trust?"**

⁵ I say you speak of having plans and power for war; but they are mere words. Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

⁶ **Look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.**

⁷ "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar?'"

⁸ **Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them!**

⁹ How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen?

¹⁰ **Have I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'**

¹¹ Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; and do not speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

¹² **But the Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?"**

¹³ Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!

¹⁴ **Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you;**

¹⁵ nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

¹⁶ **Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make peace with me by a present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern;**

¹⁷ until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

¹⁸ **Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria?**

¹⁹ Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Indeed, have they delivered Samaria from my hand?

²⁰ **Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'**

²¹ But they held their peace and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

²² **Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Isaiah 36:1-22

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**