

Christ Church

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Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:2-3 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 3 (page 9)

Q. Did God create man so wicked and perverse?

A. No. God created man good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might truly know God his creator, love him with all his heart, and live with him in eternal happiness for his praise and glory.

Q. Then where does man's corrupt human nature come from?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are born sinners – corrupt from conception on.

Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. Yes, unless we are born again, by the Spirit of God.

Call to Confession: Psalm 145:8, 18 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

Prayer of Confession: Holy Father in heaven, we confess before You our sinfulness. We are polluted through and through—even in the deeds that look good to the public. We abhor what we have become due to Adam's sin, and we abhor the sins we have committed. As we have come to trust in Jesus for salvation, the One who alone can remove our uncleanness and impurity, teach us to live in dependence on Him every day, trusting that the washing we receive from Him will supply cleansing

for every sin we commit. We ask Your forgiveness and cleansing as we pray in the Name of our precious Savior, Jesus. 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: Zephaniah 3:16-17 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

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: O God, You are the fountain of all truth and grace and strength. You have called us out of darkness and into Your light by the Gospel we have received. Grant us power to fulfill all that You have planned for us so that Your glory might be evident in our lives. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, acknowledging our smallness before You and our dependence on Your Spirit. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 41:8-20 (page 640)

***Gospel Lesson:** John 15:5 (page 956)

***Epistle Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 3:5 (page 1026)

Children's Sermon

Sermon Text: Isaiah 41:14-20

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