

Christ Church

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**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Installation of Officers**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 115:1-8

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory,  
Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?"

But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 5 (page 10)

*Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?*

A. God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.

*Q. Can we pay this debt ourselves?*

A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.

*Q. Can another creature-any at all-pay this debt for us?*

A. No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for man's guilt. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.

*Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?*

A. He must be truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, he must also be true 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** Father, we have failed to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You. We have attempted to rest in our own counterfeit version of religion and have tried to hide our sinfulness from You. When You provided for us the true Mediator, we failed to show proper gratitude for the salvation we have received and insisted on flirting with temptation. Instead we are self-absorbed and seek pleasure above holiness. For the sake of our Savior, remember His sacrifice made for our sins, grant us forgiveness and in mercy apply His righteousness to us. We pray in His Name. 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:** 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:** Almighty God, we are prone to idolatry and live in a highly idolatrous world. Preserve us from serving idols and becoming like them, and reserve us in holiness for Your service that we may share Your glory. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 41:21-29 (pages 640-641)

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon:** Isaiah 41:21-29

**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**