

Christ Church

**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 118:6-9

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

The LORD is for me among those who help me; therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 38 (page 30)

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

A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through His Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 337 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Call to Confession:** Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, we confess that we are often estranged from You. We are not disciplined to draw near to You in corporate worship, giving careful attention to Your Word. We are haphazard in our commitment to spend the Lord's Day with the body of Christ. We sometimes neglect the sacraments and often neglect public prayer. And we are not as diligent as we should be to imitate Jesus in our offerings for those in need. Instead, we have regarded the day of rest as a day to please ourselves. Forgive us for offending Your holy law and despising Your loving invitation to commune with You. May Your Spirit teach us to cherish our time together in Your

presence and cause us to rest from sinning. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Kyrie:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** Psalm 103:11-13 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri:** 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:** Lord, as we see Your enemies strengthen themselves in this world, often our faith is weak, especially as we make note of our own failings. Grant us grace to receive from You the strength and courage and conviction required to continue following our Savior until we receive all that You have promised to give us. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 51:1-16 (pages 650-651)

**\*Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

**Missions Moment**

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 94:16-23 (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** Isaiah 51:1-16

**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 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:** 455 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**