

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 27:14* – Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 13 (pages 14-15)

Q. Why is He called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.

Q. Why do you call Him "our Lord"?

A. Because—not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood – He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 341 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 51:16-17* – For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, we confess that we have not cherished the Messiah by whom we are saved. We may call Him Lord because He has conquered death, but we fail to make our lives a quest to yield to His loving leadership. We who claim to be adopted children through the sacrifice of the only begotten Son, have attempted to live under our own supervision and in our own strength. We have often returned to the bondage and slavery of sin and idolatry which cost our beloved Savior His life. We confess to you that we lack faith sufficient to surrender our lives completely to Him. Have mercy on us for His sake.

Cleanse us and turn our hearts fully toward You in love and faith. We pray through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

### **Agnus Dei:**

**Women & Children:** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Men:** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**All:** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Proverbs 28:13* – He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

**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 (unison):** Almighty God, we praise You for Your love which You have chosen to lavish on us. Teach us to live in the security and hope which belongs to those you have chosen to save. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 32:17

The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness, and assurance forever.

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

<sup>3</sup> remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

<sup>4</sup> knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 12:46-50* (page 861)

### **Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 130* (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** *1 Thessalonians 1:3-4*

## **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:** Praise Book #71 *"Rock of Ages"*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**