

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 29:2* – Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 10 (page 13)

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his Fatherly hand.

Q. How does this knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from His love. All creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 318 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Collect of the Day (unison): Almighty God, we are comforted that You see the miseries we must endure in this cursed world. Defend us from all evil that would assault both body and soul, that we might remain pure and loyal to You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalm 130:3-8* (page 551-552)

***Gospel Lesson:** *Mark 1:9-11*

⁹ It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰ And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

¹¹ Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

***Second Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalm 27* (page 493)

Sermon: *"Living in HIM"*

***Hymn of Preparation:** 443 *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:1-17* (page 68)

Call to Confession: *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* – Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father, we confess that we have been sinfully short-sighted and simplistic in our expectations of You. We have acted as if You cannot and will not take proper care of us, as if Your providence is lacking in some way. When pressured we have given in to repaying evil for evil, to self-pity, to worry, complaining and despair. We have been impatient when things have gone against us. We have neglected gratitude when things are going well. Our thoughts have not been shaped by Scripture but by our feelings instead. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge that the provisions You have made for us in Christ are more than sufficient, and grant us pure faith to love and follow and submit to You. We pray in Jesus' Name.

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: *Psalm 34:18* – The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

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.

Holy Communion

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:** 67 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**