

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 29:10-12* – Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said: “Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord’s Day 30 (page 25)

Q. Who are to come to the Lord’s table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Q. Are those to be admitted to the Lord’s Supper who show by what they say and do that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No, that would dishonor God’s covenant and bring down God’s anger upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and His apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 374 *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”*

Call to Confession: *Acts 3:19* – “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Prayer of Confession: Lord, we confess to You that we are displeased with ourselves. We have failed to desire that our faith be strengthened and that we live holy lives. Instead we have pursued self-gratification by coming to the Lord’s Table seeking blessing but not vigorously seeking to be made like Jesus. Grant forgiveness and purify us, we pray, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Have Mercy:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon: *2 Chronicles 7:14* – “If My people who are called

by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

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): O God, Your providence provides all we need for life and godliness. Remove from our lives whatever leads us from You, and flood our lives with the things which will help us grow to be like our Savior. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalms 4:3-8*

³ But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

⁴ Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed and be still.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, “Who will show us any good?” LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

⁸ I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

***Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:21-25**

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

***New Testament Lesson: Acts 28:24-28**

²⁴ And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.

²⁵ So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,

²⁶ saying, 'Go to this people and say: "Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you will see, and not perceive;

²⁷ For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.'"

²⁸ "Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 42* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *"Was Then Is Now"*

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**