

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 74:18,22* – Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O LORD, and that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name. Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 41 (page 32)

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

A. God condemns all unchastity. We should therefore thoroughly detest it and, married or single, live decent and chaste lives.

Q. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why He forbids everything which incites unchastity, whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 349 *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Call to Confession: *James 4:8-10* – Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, have mercy on us and forgive us for we are aware of our impurities. By our thoughts, our words and our actions, we have offended Your law regarding our bodies and our relationships with others. Cleanse us from unholy desires and from profane humor or any activity that would incite unchastity. Instead, make us a clean and holy people, fit to have our bodies serve as the temple where Your Spirit dwells. Reserve us in holiness to be the spotless bride of our Savior, keeping us free of the world's views on

sexuality. Purify our love of others. We pray in the name of Jesus whose blood was spilled out in order to wash away our sins. 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: *Isaiah 55:6-7* – Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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 and most merciful God, stir us, Your people, to be the type of church members who bring You great glory. Strengthen and preserve peace in our church family that Your work might prosper. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Proverbs 26:4-5; 29:9; 18:2; 15:5; 28:26*

L: Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.

C: Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

L: If a wise man contends with a foolish man, whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

C: A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart.

L: A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent.

C: He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

***Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,
¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Mark 9:50* – Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 46* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

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**