

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 27:8* – When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, Lord, I will seek.”

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord’s Day 47 (page 35)

Q. What does the first request mean?

A. Hallowed be Your name means, Help us to really know You, to bless, worship, and praise You for all Your works and for all that shines forth from them: Your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, Help us to direct all our living – what we think, say, and do – so that Your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 392 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

Call to Confession: *Psalm 106:4-6* – Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation, that I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we confess to you that we have committed offenses against Your Name. We have fallen down on our obligation to truly know You and to praise Your Name for Your goodness to us. Our hearts have become cold and indifferent to the beauty of Your holiness. We have not conducted ourselves in a way that causes others to praise Your Name. Restore Your glory in us and have mercy on us as we confess our guilt and sinfulness before You. Teach us to be careful to

hallow Your Name. Warm our hearts with renewed affection for You. We pray through our Lord Jesus who mercifully offered Himself to pay for 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 66:2b* – “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

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 Lord, graciously work in our hearts by Your Spirit. Make us careful to yield to His work in 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:** *Leviticus 9:22-24*

²² Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

²³ And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people,

²⁴ and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

***Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 5:19-22*

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.

²⁰ Do not despise prophecies.

²¹ Test all things; hold fast what is good.

²² Abstain from every form of evil.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 3:4-11* (page 850)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 136:1-9* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *1 Thessalonians 5:19-22*

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:** 387 *"We Gather Together"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**