

## Christ Church

### Prelude

### Moments of Concern

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 150* – Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 43 (pages 32-33)

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

A. God's will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are devices the devil himself uses, and they would call down on me God's intense anger. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 360 *"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 79:8-9* – Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name's sake!

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, forgive us for we have been deceitful. We have twisted others' words. We have believed and spread false rumors without having the facts and so have failed to love our neighbor as You have commanded us. We have lied to cover over our sins instead of confessing them and trusting the blood of Christ to cover

over them. Remove from us half-truths and little lies we tell to get out of uncomfortable situations. Cleanse us from practices of which Satan approves, and give us wisdom and boldness to promote truth. Train our hearts to love truth. We pray in the Name of Jesus. 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):** Merciful Lord, grant us Your Spirit to so work in us that our hearts would overflow with rejoicing as we come to see more clearly the beauty of our Savior and the eternal benefit of the salvation He has accomplished for us. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *Lamentations 3:22-24*

<sup>22</sup> Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 5:12-16*

<sup>12</sup> And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

<sup>13</sup> and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

<sup>14</sup> Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

<sup>15</sup> See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always.

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 5:11-12*

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **Children's Sermon**

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

**Sermon:** *1 Thessalonians 5:16*

### **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:** *"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"* (insert)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**