

A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

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The Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude & Silent Preparation

-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

The Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-3

¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

The Salutation

1 Corinthians 1:3

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

General Prayer of Confession

Minister:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Amen. (Psalm 51:1-5, 7, 9-12, 17 ESV)

The Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm #116A

I Love the Lord, for He Has Heard My Voice

1. I love the LORD, for he has heard my voice;
he heard my pleas for mercy and for grace.
Since He inclined his ear to my request,
I'll call on him as long as life shall last.
2. Anguish of death encompassed me about;
cords of the grave and terror held me down.
I was distressed. I called upon his name;
"Rescue my soul, O LORD my God, I pray."
3. Righteous and gracious is the Lord our God,
rich in his mercy, tender in his love.
He will preserve the simple in their need;
when I was low, he came and rescued me.
8. I call upon God's name with thankful praise.
Mid all his people I will pay my vows,
here, in the LORD's house, in his temple courts,
in you, Jerusalem, O praise the LORD!

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The Prayer of the Church

Psalm 37:3-4

- ³Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- ⁴Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-16 (ESV)

- ¹ Hear what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."
- ⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
⁹ The voice of the LORD cries to the city—
and it is sound wisdom to fear your name:
“Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it!
¹⁰ Can I forget any longer the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked,
and the scant measure that is accursed?
¹¹ Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales
and with a bag of deceitful weights?
¹² Your^[e] rich men are full of violence;
your inhabitants speak lies,
and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
¹³ Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow,
making you desolate because of your sins.
¹⁴ You shall eat, but not be satisfied,
and there shall be hunger within you;
you shall put away, but not preserve,
and what you preserve I will give to the sword.
¹⁵ You shall sow, but not reap;
you shall tread olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil;
you shall tread grapes, but not drink wine.
¹⁶ For you have kept the statutes of Omri,
and all the works of the house of Ahab;
and you have walked in their counsels,
that I may make you a desolation, and your inhabitants a hissing;
so you shall bear the scorn of my people.”

The New Testament Reading
Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Sermon
Rev. Dr. Michael J. Matossian

Tired of God
Micah 6:1-16

Hymn #238

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

1. Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee
for the bliss thy love bestows,
for the pard'ning grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
this dull soul to rapture raise;
thou must light the flame, or never
can my love be warmed to praise.
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
wretched wand'rer far astray;
found thee lost, and kindly brought thee
from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
and, the light of hope revealing,
bade the blood-stained cross appear.
3. Praise thy Savior God that drew thee
to that cross, new life to give,
held a blood sealed pardon to thee,
bade thee look to him and live.
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,
roused thee from thy fatal ease;
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,
praise the grace that whispered peace.
4. Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
vainly would my lips express:
low before thy footstool kneeling,
deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless.
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,
love's pure flame within me raise;
and, since words can never measure,
let my life show forth thy praise.

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-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-

The Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. Unison:

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserved me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-

The Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

The Doxology

#564 - *Now Blessed Be Jehova God*

1. Now blessed be Jehovah God,
the God of Israel,
who only doeth wondrous works,
his glory that excel;
who only doeth wondrous works,
in glory that excel.
2. And blessed be his glorious name
to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill;
amen: so let it be;
the whole earth let his glory fill;
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NOTE: All scripture quotations taken from the ESV (English Standard Version of thhe Bible)