

## Christ Church

### Prelude

### Moments of Concern

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 138:2* – I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** *Lord's Day 7* (pages 11-12)

*Q. Are all men saved through Christ just as all were lost through Adam?*

A. No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all His blessings.

*Q. What is true faith?*

A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

*Q. What then must a Christian believe?*

A. Everything God promises us in the gospel. That gospel is summarized for us in the articles of our Christian faith—a creed beyond doubt, and confessed throughout the world.

*Q. What are these articles?*

A. I believe in God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; I believe a holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

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

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 25:6-7* –Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, by nature we are faithless and rebellious. We tend to follow our own ideas rather than hold to what is plain in Holy Scripture. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness and our failure to tremble before Your Word. We confess that in our foolishness we neglect devoting ourselves to bearing Gospel fruit for You and instead are more prone to stand in judgment over You. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus, have mercy on us and cleanse us from the sins of unbelief and rejecting Your promises. 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:** *Zephaniah 3:16-17* – In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

**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 God, we give thanks for Your Word. We are humbled that You have revealed Yourself to us. Grant us grace to carefully hear the Holy Scriptures and to be humble before them so that we might obey and please You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 15:3-7

<sup>3</sup> Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.”

<sup>5</sup> Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

<sup>6</sup> And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then He said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.”

**\*New Testament Lesson:** *Romans 8:1-17* (pages 1004-1005)

### **Missions Moment**

#### **Children’s Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 36:5-12* (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** “*Salvation by NOT through Faith*”

#### **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:** PB #70 “*Clothed in Righteousness*”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**