

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

#### **Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 29:2* – Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 10 (page 13)

*Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?*

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his Fatherly hand.

*Q. How does this knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?*

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from His love. All creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 345 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 39:7-8* – "And now, Lord, what do I wait for?"

My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; do not make me the reproach of the foolish."

**Prayer of Confession:** Father, we confess that we have been sinfully short-sighted and simplistic in our expectations of You. We have acted as if You cannot and will not take proper care of us, as if Your providence is lacking in some way. When pressured we have given in to repaying evil for evil, to self-pity, to worry, complaining and despair. We have been impatient when things have gone against us. We have neglected gratitude when things are going well. Our

thoughts have not been shaped by Scripture but by our feelings instead. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge that the provisions You have made for us in Christ are more than sufficient, and grant us pure faith to love and follow and submit to You. We pray in Jesus' Name.

#### **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:** *Psalm 34:18* – The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

**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 God, we are comforted that You see the miseries we must endure in this cursed world. Defend us from all evil that would assault both body and soul, that we might remain pure and loyal to You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*First Old Testament Lesson:** *Exodus 33:19* (pages 81-82)

**\*Second Old Testament Lesson:** *Deuteronomy 9:4-6* (page 167)

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *John 17:9* (page 958)

**\*Sermon Text:** *Romans 9:6-26, 30-32* (page 1006)

#### **Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 40:1-9* (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** *"Difficult Truth"*

#### **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:** 456 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**