

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 40:5* – Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 9 (pages 12-13)

Q. What do you believe when you say: "I believe in God the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth"?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because He is almighty God; He desires to do this *because* He is a faithful Father.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 318 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

***Collect of the Day (unison):** Father in heaven, as Your Son yearned for the salvation of those You gave Him, even sacrificing His life to save us, we thank You for the privilege of being called to participate in the process of gathering the elect, and we ask for grace to courageously and sacrificially give ourselves to the building of Your kingdom. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***New Testament Lesson:** *Ephesians 1:3-14* (pages 1037-1038)

Children's Sermon

Sermon: *"To the Praise of His Glorious Grace"*

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

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:1-17* (page 68)

Call to Confession: *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* – Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine

himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we have sinned against You in

that we have taken Your love but have not loved You as we should. We

have taken Your goodness for granted and by our complaining have accused You of mishandling Your world. Forgive us for our lack of trust in You and our lack of surrender to Your wise plans for us and also for the poor testimony this lack of faith creates. In pride we have exalted ourselves against Your rule and have acted as if we have no Father. For the sake of Jesus who paid for our adoption into Your family by His blood, have mercy on us and cleanse us from all uncleanness. We pray in His 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: *Romans 8:1* – There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the 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.

Holy Communion

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:** *"Thank You Jesus for the Blood"* (insert)

***Benediction**