

Order of Service 08.15.21

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

Choral Introit

#314, "Christ Be Our Light," vs. 1, 2, 5

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

[Inspired by Psalm 133, John 20:29; 1 John 1:5]

Leader: This is the message we have heard and now celebrate with one another:

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

Leader: Blessed are those who have not physically seen Christ, yet truly believe and trust in him.

People: How good it is when we can gather together and worship Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Good News is the great blessing given to us by God:

People: Life for evermore.

Preparing for God's Word

Hymn of Adoration

#826, "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on the brow the seal of Christ who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Prayer of Confession

[time of silent confession]

All: Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that others have gotten under our skin, even at times to the point where we have felt hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others and that forgiveness and reconciliation sometimes seem impossible for us. But we know that nothing is impossible in You. So we come to You, seeking healing and wholeness. Help us to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. So that he might rise again and bring peace and forgiveness to those who had denied and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[Inspired by Matthew 19:26, Psalm 139, Romans 8:31-39]

Leader: Hear the Good News. Nothing is impossible with God. There is no place we can go, no end of the earth we can run to, where God cannot find us.

People: There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate us from the love of God.

Leader: In Christ Jesus our Lord. We are forgiven. We are loved. We are reconciled to God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hearing God's Word

Time with Young Disciples

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me." After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#443, "There is a Redeemer"

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Refrain:

Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit'
Til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Hope, for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-16

8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. 11 He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." 15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Sermon

“Exiles Filled With Hope... Bold Humility”

Responding to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

[Colossians 2:9-15]

People: In Christ all the fullness of God lives in bodily form, and we have been given that fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. In him we are circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through our faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Hymn of Response

#251, "Christ has Arisen, Alleluia," vs 1, 4, 5

Christ has arisen, alleluia,
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain:

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.

Christ has arisen; to set us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: Heavenly Father, full of mercy,

People: Hear us as we pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who 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. 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.

Choral Anthem

"I Believe"

Lake Grove Presbyterian Choir

Benediction

Benediction Response

#581, "Glory Be to the Father"

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. Amen.

Postlude