

LORD'S DAY | March 17, 2024

A Service of Covenant Renewal

PRELUDE

Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 90 & Psalm 57

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us worship the Triune God.

*OPENING HYMN: No. 104, "We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name"

*GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

Receive God's Greeting. "To all who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen."

*PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: 1 John 1:8-9; Proverbs 28:13

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

I have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
of failure to find thy mind in thy Word,
of neglect to seek thee in my daily life.
My transgressions and short-comings
present me with a list of accusations,
But I bless thee that they will not stand against me,
for all have been laid on Christ;
Go on to subdue my corruptions,
and grant me the grace to live above them.
(From the Valley of Vision)

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS:

Colossians 1:13-14, 21-22

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:

No. 247, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

*THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: Micah 6:6-8

*GLORIA PATRI: No. 734

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Proverbs 18:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT: James 3:1-12

SERMON: *Grace to Extinguish the Wildfires*

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE?

MEANING AND FENCING OF THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BREAD: No. 430, "I Hunger and I Thirst"

WINE: No. 459, "I Am Not Skilled to Understand"

*CLOSING HYMN: No. 585, "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: No. 731

POSTLUDE