

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Psalm of the Day -- Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 96:1-2)

Maio Chen, Council Chairperson

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;

People: sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

People: proclaim his salvation day after day.

***Song** "Standing on the Promises" (see song booklet)

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Forgiving God, we confess that we are often your unforgiving people.

People: Forgive us for when we are consumed with bitterness, filled with hatred, or burning with resentment toward those who have wronged us.

By your Holy Spirit, may we forgive, as you, through your son Jesus Christ, have forgiven us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (1 John 1:5-9)

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

People: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God's Rule for Our Lives (Colossians 3:12-14)

Leader: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

People: And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

***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. Amen.

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 32: 1-2

Rebecca Chan

Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Meditation

"Down to the River to Pray"

African-American spiritual

Retreat Choir

New Testament Reading

Mathew 6: 9-13

Bev Visser

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Sermon

“Christlike Forgiveness”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Song** “This Is Love” (see song booklet)

PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE

***The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Maio Chen

Offertory

“Broken Offering”

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.

Prayers of the People

Nathan Wannemacher

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Announcements

Annelies Guthman, Adult Ed & Retreats Elder

***Song** “His Mercy Is More”

***Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

****Please stand if you are able.***

Band musicians:

Guitar: Cris Achim

Piano: Joshua Leung

Cajon: James Heusser

Vocals: Gioia Heusser, Hanna Pahls, James Heusser, Joshua Leung

Sound: Natascha Gray

GIVING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Church Retreat Feedback

Please give us your feedback on the retreat while your impressions are still fresh, by using the QR code for the online survey!



No Evening Worship Service Tonight

Join Us for Our Small Groups Campaign in June!

We're excited to present "Small Groups," formerly known as Home Groups! These groups of 4-12 people meet regularly in homes, at IPC, online, or in various locations to study God's Word and share life together. We believe that Small Groups foster an environment where members can experience God's love and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Throughout June, you'll have the chance to connect with our Small Group members during services and hear their inspiring testimonies. Don't miss our Lunch & Learn on June 29, where we'll explore the biblical context of belonging to a Small Group and discuss its impact on our lives. We invite you to share your thoughts on being part of a Small Group by taking a quick survey. Simply scan the QR code.

