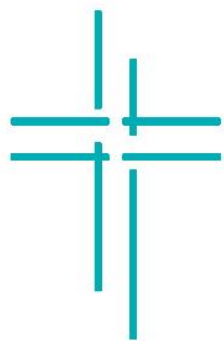


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10:30 AM

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come from prisons of disobedience,

P: to glorify God, our protector and provider.

L: We come in search of the One who gives real food,

P: though there be famine in the land.

L: We come from many places,

P: for there is but One who can purify our hearts:

L: the same One who calls us here to worship.

P: Amen. We come, Lord Jesus, Holy Word of God!

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Sovereign Grace Music

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who knows all that we have ever said or done, we confess that we have erected facades in order to garner the world’s empty praise. O Christ, who endures every harsh word we speak against our enemies, friends, family, and neighbors, we have tried to deny our guilt and to deflect the blame for our sins. O Holy Spirit, who judges every thought and intention of the heart, we have slandered, cursed, and complained; we have failed to love as you would have us love. Holy, triune God, purge our lives of disloyalty and hypocrisy, shame and deceit, guilt and persistent despair. Set us free from the power of sin, and renew us by your abundant grace, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: The forgiveness of God is the story of loyalty returning, the drama of idolaters converting, the justice of evil hearts breaking, the wild dance of prisoners escaping. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I tell you: we are forgiven.

P: Therefore, we will not return to the former ways but will take up the new life in Christ!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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; 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.

ANTHEM**“The Blessing (Symphonic Version)”****Passion City Church****NT LESSON****John 4:46-54****SERMON****Signs of a Faithful Life****The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith****HYMN****“A Christian’s Daily Prayer”****Sovereign Grace Music****CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Parts of today’s liturgy have been taken or adapted from Timothy Matthew Slemmons’ excellent liturgical resource, *Lightning from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A* (p. 193-196).

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS

Kay Mader
Ruth Grover
Martha Wilkerson
Nita Wimer
Earl Flower – pneumonia
Amanda Harris
Bill Sedr – pacemaker surgery on Monday (8-17)

MEMBER IN CARE FACILITIES

Earl & Jean Flower - Legacy

BIRTHDAYS

18 Macon Moyer, II
19 Jo Fields
22 Dick Hippeard
23 Madison Moyer
23 Alex Gangloff

ANNIVERSARIES

24 Susan & Rick Johnson

IN THE MILITARY

Cole A Smiley, Army - Grandson of Nita & Woodie Wimer
Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice
Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer
Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller
Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.