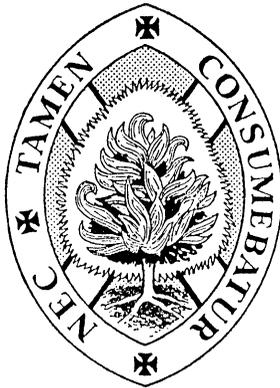


LORD'S DAY

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come to me.
Speak but the word; one gracious word can set the sinner free.
I am not worthy; cold and bare the lodging of my soul.
How canst Thou deign to enter there? Speak, Lord and make me whole.
I am not worthy; yet, my God, how can I say Thee nay –
Thee, Who didst give Thy flesh and blood my ransom price to pay?
O come; in this sweet morning hour feed me with food Divine;
And fill with all Thy love and power this empty heart of mine. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 57

HALLELUJAH, PRAISE JEHOVAH, O MY SOUL

Confession of Faith

How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 29

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would have them do to us. Most gracious Father, who has given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.14a, 25

¹ “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph 2.8-9).

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Prayers of the Church”

Revelation 8.1-6

Rev. Ron Gonzales

Reflection and the Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here but commend to you instead the following prayers for your use during this time.

A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 165

YE SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

*Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes: "The Prayers of the Church" (Revelation 8.1-6)

Announcements

Celebrating 17 Years: Following the morning's service, we will be taking some time to honor and express our thanks to Eileen Davis for her 17 years of faithful service as our chief pianist. We hope many of you will join us in this celebration.

Directory Update: We will be printing an updated church directory next month. If your family or contact information has changed, or you are not in our current directory and would like to be, please notify the church office.

Financial Update: The June financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."