

COVENANT CHURCH

JULY 30, 2023 — MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

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Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-6a

◆ Sing: *Psalm 100*

◆ Invocation

◆ Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

(Unison)

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

Congregation: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yes, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He

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also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Confession of Sin (*Unison*)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

¹ “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”

◆ Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:1-2 (ESV)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

◆ Sing: *To God be the Glory*

Hymn #55

(Children come forward on last stanza)

Children’s Message

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Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Jeffrey Kusumi

◆ Sing: *The Doxology*

Hymn #731

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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.*

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:7-16 (ESV)

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and

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teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Rev. Brooks Pipher

“Unity in Ministry!”

◆ Sing: *What Wondrous Love is This?*

Hymn #261

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◆ Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

◆ Sing

Hymn #730

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