Order of Worship MARCH 27, 2022

Meditation – 2 Peter 3:9-10

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Songs of Adoration (Jordan Eberlein) - 2

Call to Worship – Isaiah 51:4-6

Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

L - Father, we acknowledge and confess that, though we are saints- forgiven, justified, accepted, and redeemed- we often don't live in light of that truth. We admit that we move through life deluded: thinking we have power, ability, and sufficiency.

C - Forgive us, merciful Father.

L - We chase after prizes that the world says will bring us peace, when in reality all it brings us is enslavement and pressure and anxiety.

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L - We have preached and believed a false gospel of self-improvement. We have failed to rest in the work of redemption, but rather have continued striving and manipulating and scheming. We have grieved your heart, O God, by failing to believe that you love us.

C - Forgive us of all our sins, we pray through Jesus. Amen.

(Adapted from 44th GA in Mobile, AL)

Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(I John 1:8-9)

Songs of Worship - 2

Offering and Doxology

Old Testament Reading – Amos 4:6-13

"I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me," declares the LORD. "I also withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would have rain, and the field on which it did not rain would wither; so two or three cities would wander to another city to drink water, and would not be satisfied; yet you did not return to me," declares the LORD. "I struck you with blight and mildew; your many gardens and your vineyards, your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured; yet you did not return to me," declares the LORD. "I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I killed your young men with the sword, and carried away your horses, and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to me," declares the LORD. "I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me," declares the LORD. "Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!" For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name!

Reader: "The Word of the Lord" Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"

Dismissal of Children to Children's Church

Announcements

Song of Preparation - 1

Sermon Text – Luke 12:54-59 (James Richters)

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny."

Sermon – "Meteorologist, Lawyer, or Prophet" (James Richters)

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response - 1

Benediction