

DIVINE WORSHIP

January 5, 2014

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Introit

*The Call to Worship

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angles; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him all you shining stars! Praise Him you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He command and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away!

All: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word! Mountain and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beast and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Minister: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above the earth and heavens. He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the Lord.

*The Hymn of Praise No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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.

The Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer and Confession of Sin

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we deserve, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, Oh Lord! With heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3:18

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Hymn of Faith No. 244

He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The Sermon Text Pg. 1014

1 Peter 1:20-25

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Rev. Steven G. Simmons

Redemption Before, During and Forever

*The Communion Hymn No. 423

According to Thy Gracious Word

The Lord's Table**

*The Hymn of Response No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

*The Benediction

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*The Postlude

** Congregation please stand*

*** Grape Juice is provided in the Outer Ring*

Rev. Dan Smith is assisting with the service today.