

DIVINE WORSHIP

November 3, 2013

The Prelude
The Welcome and Announcements
The Choral Introit

R. E. Bill Turman
Praise to the Lamb

*The Call to Worship

Minister: I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Minister: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

All: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise No. 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

*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 Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession, 33:1-2

Leader: What do we believe concerning the last judgment?

Congregation: That God hath appointed a day, wherein He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father. In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged, but likewise all persons that have lived upon earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.

And that, the end of God's appointing this day, is for the manifestation of the glory of His mercy, in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of His justice, in the damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient. For then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that fullness of joy and refreshing, which shall come from the presence of the Lord; but the wicked who do not know God, and do not obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast into eternal torments, and be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 21:1-28

The Anthem

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

The Pastoral Prayer and Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father: we have sinned and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We are helpless sinners in need of Your forgiveness and grace. But You, O Lord, are a God of Mercy who is ready to pardon those who come to you in faith and repentance. Spare from Your wrath and anger those who now come to you confessing their sins and begging your pardon. Forgive and restore us according to Your promise declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, for Christ's sake, that we may hereafter live a godly and righteous life; to the glory of Your holy name. And grant us the comfort and hope that is found only in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 9:11-15

*The Hymn of Faith No. 503

Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

The Sermon Text Pg. 1014

1 Peter 1:6-9

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Rev. Steven G. Simmons

Necessary Trials and Inexpressible Joy

*The Communion Hymn No. 605

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

The Lord's Table**

*The Hymn of Response No. 585

Take My Life, and Let It Be

*The Benediction

*The Doxology No. 731

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Postlude

** Congregation please stand*

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

Ruling Elder Bill Turman is assisting with the service today.