

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 25, 2017

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Romans 5:8**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

## Greeting and Blessing\*

## Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 29 (p. 794)

## Hymn of Preparation\*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymn 38

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Almighty and Merciful Father, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

**All:** Our sins are too many to count. Were they to be held against us, we would be crushed under your righteous judgment.

**Leader:** Forgive us, gracious God, and renew us for the sake of your Son who died for us. Grant us repentant hearts, and cause us to grow in the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**All:** All glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

## Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

*\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

## First Reading\*

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

## Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“Come, Let Us Join...” Hymn 393

## Confession of Faith

*The Nicene Creed* (p. 846)

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 the Son together is worshipped 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

## Tithes and Offerings

## Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## Lord's Prayer\*

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.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

### Second Reading\*

Hebrews 9:11-28

### Psalm of the Month (based on Psalm 73:23-28)

“In Sweet Communion...” Hymn 657

### Pastoral Prayer (based on Psalm 67)

### Sermon

“He Was Crucified For Us Under Pontius Pilate” Pastor Ben Muresan  
Mark 15:1-15

### Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

“I Hunger and I Thirst” Hymn 430

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

### Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” Hymn 521

### Benediction\*

### Congregational Benediction Response\*

May the peace of God, our heav’nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

#### REFRAIN

And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion,  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

## LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

During the Jewish and Roman trials of Jesus, one contrast that is consistently repeated is the sinfulness of his accusers and the guiltlessness of Christ. He is the Spotless Lamb who is betrayed into the hands of sinful men. The reason for this emphasis is to show by what means we receive pardon as sinners. We all stand guilty before God, deserving his just judgment and wrath. But Christ, the perfectly obedient Son, suffered in our place—the just for the unjust to bring us to God. Sinclair Ferguson writes, “Without knowing it, the religious leaders, Pilate, Herod, and Barabbas were all a part of a tapestry of grace which God was weaving for sinners. Jesus was not dying for his own crimes, but for the crimes of others; not for his own sins, but the sins of others. He did not die for himself; he died for us!”

The reading is Romans 3.

### Questions:

1. Read the Scripture verses listed in the sermon outline and discuss the details of the Jewish and Roman trials of Jesus. What are some themes that you notice in the gospel accounts? What ironies do you notice? Why did the religious leaders want Jesus to be crucified?
2. Read and discuss *Heidelberg Catechism* Q/A 38. What do you think is the significance of Pontius Pilate being named in the *Apostles’ Creed* and the *Nicene Creed*?
3. How is the Gospel foreshadowed in Barabbas’ release? Read and discuss 1 Peter 3:18 and Isaiah 53:4-5.