

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 4, 2017

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you,  
that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.  
And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 73 (p. 811)

### Hymn of Preparation\*

Hymn 21 “Sing Praise to the Lord”

### Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Almighty God and Merciful Father, we humble ourselves before you this morning as we confess our many sins.

**All:** We have grieved you with our wicked thoughts, our sinful actions, and our careless words. We have sinned against you and others, and we are not worthy to be called your children.

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, heavenly Father, according to your covenant faithfulness and steadfast love. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sins.

**All:** We praise you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

## First Reading\*

Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 22:34-40

## Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 393 “Come, Let Us Join...”

## Confession of Faith

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**Q. 60.** *How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?*

**A.** The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

**Q. 61.** *What is forbidden in the Fourth Commandment?*

**A.** The Fourth Commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

**Q. 62.** *What are the reasons attached to the Fourth Commandment?*

**A.** The reasons attached to the Fourth Commandment are: God’s allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his establishment of a special ownership in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Tithes and Offerings

### Doxology\*

Hymn 732

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.

### 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\*

Mark 14:22-50

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

Hymn 657 “In Sweet Communion...”

Pastoral Prayer (based on Philippians 1:6)

Sermon

“Jesus: Our Prophet, Priest, and King”

Pastor Ben Muresan

Mark 14:26-31

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 309 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Benediction\*

Congregational Benediction Response\*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Amen.

## LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Having just shocked his disciples with the revelation that one of them will betray him, Jesus surprised them yet again in Mark 14:26-31 with the prediction that they will all fall away from him that very night. But as detailed as Jesus’ prediction was, they did not believe him. Peter said to Jesus, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all the disciples said the same (Matthew 26:35). What we see in the remainder of the Gospel of Mark is that Jesus’ prediction came to pass. The stark contrast between Jesus’ faithfulness and the Disciples’ fickleness becomes more and more apparent. The comfort we find in this passage is in Christ as he demonstrates how he is our Prophet, Priest, and King. He is the one who faithfully reveals his will to us, who redeems and intercedes for us, and who governs, defends, and preserves us.

The reading is John 14.

### Questions:

1. Read Matthew 26:30-35. What caused the Disciples to “fall away” from Jesus on the night that he was betrayed? Why did they think they would remain faithful to Jesus no matter what might happen? What do we learn about the Disciples and ourselves in these verses?
2. Read *Heidelberg Catechism* Q/A 31 and discuss what it means that Christ is our Prophet, Priest, and King. How does he demonstrate each of these roles in Matthew 26:30-35; Mark 14:26-31; and Luke 22:31-34?
3. Read *Heidelberg Catechism* Q/A 32 and discuss how we share in Christ’s threefold office.
4. Read John 21:15-19. What is significant about this passage in light of Peter’s earlier denial?
5. How can we learn to be more sensitive to our spiritual weaknesses? What precautions can we take to help avoid failures?