

THE OAK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 8, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

[Bell, all stand] The Call to Worship (from Psalm 119:54-55, 59-60)

We gather to remember the name of our God

and the witness to God's good will for us.

We gather to focus on God's ways,

and turn our feet to God's decrees.

We hurry to gather

and to keep God's commandments.

The Hymn "Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining" vv 1-3 No. 425

The Confession to God (from Psalm 119:4-12)

God, you have charged us to attend diligently to the things that most hold your attention. We try so hard to stay on course, to avoid disappointing you, ourselves, and those we love, to keep all the details in mind at once. Help us to know your will more truly by heart, and to practice it with our whole hearts, as the loving response to the guiding grace you show to us. God, you are faithful as the best of parents. Like a parent, you have taught us what is just and the ways to guard ourselves according to your Word. Help us to treasure your Word and not get caught up in the words of our fellow children. Bless us, God, with pure hearts to learn your ways. Amen.

The Response Hymn No. 425, verse 4 and refrain

The Assurance of Forgiveness

The Summary of the Law

The Response of Praise Hymn No. 233, verses 3-5

The Collect (On Ps 119:129-135)

God our guide, your will is easy to keep if I only think through my words and actions. Paying attention to your ancient witnesses gives me light to help me understand. I long to know your will ever better, to open my mouth, my lungs, and my mind fully to it. Turn to me and be gracious as you have been through the ages. Keep my steps steady, heading toward your promise and away from iniquity that creeps in so easily and takes over so completely. Help me overcome my inclination to dominate others. Keep the light of your countenance upon me, and teach me your statutes. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

The Psalter 19:7-10

(singing Hymn No. 167)

The Second Lesson

Galatians 5:22-23a

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

The Sermon

"To the Keepers"

Elder Barbara Kellam-Scott

The Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

No. 326

The Confession of God

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

The Giving of the Peace

The Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People

The Offering

The Response of Dedication

Doxology

No. 592

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 339

The Benediction

The Postlude