

THE OAK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 12, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude

The Call to Worship (from Psalm 130)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

Lift up your voices!

We shout our praise and thanksgiving!

For our God is always listening.

My soul waits and hopes in the will of God.

My soul waits for God more than those who watch for the morning,

Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

Sisters and brothers, your hope will be fulfilled,

For God keeps us in steadfast love.

Come, join in praise for love perfected!

The Hymn “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” No. 479

The Confession to God (from Psalm 130)

God, I try not to come to you only when I’m at my lowest point, but I know when I’ve violated your will for the world you love, when I do what you reminded us long ago was hurtful and fail to do what is good. I know that you know it too, and that’s what hurts the most. If you gave me what I deserve, God, I would be in a terrible mess. And sometimes, it’s almost harder to be forgiven. I certainly don’t remember often enough that I have been redeemed, that I’m your beloved child no matter how I’ve treated my neighbors. Keep pushing at me, God, especially when I forget you’re there, as always, to help me love myself so that I can do a better job of loving others. Amen.

The Response Hymn No. 356, verse 1

The Assurance of Forgiveness

The Summary of the Law

The Response of Praise Hymn No. 479, verse 3

The Collect (On Ps 34:3–6)

We come together to praise our God, to tell the whole world the name of love perfected. When any have sought God, our hope has been answered, and we were delivered from our tears. The world may teach us selfishness, but God sends us into each other’s arms for solace. We look to God, and our faces are radiant with holy love, of which we need never be ashamed. As each of us has cried to God from an impoverished soul, we have been heard and saved from every trouble. Our souls are reconstituted by every prayer, and we respond with grateful praise. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 20:8–11, 13–15, 17

The Psalter 34:1-8 (please join in singing the refrain of Hymn No. 187)

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:25–5:2a

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:23–3:6

The Sermon “Keeping Neighbor and Self” Elder Barbara Kellam-Scott

The Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 376

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 “Near to the Heart of God”

No. 527

The Benediction