

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday

Sunday, May 7, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregation asked to stand if able when indicated by **

Prelude

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. Isaiah 25:1

*Call to Worship

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Psalm 98:1-3

*Hymn of Adoration #53

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith - Westminster Larger Catechism

Q187: How is the Lord's Prayer to be used?

A187: The Lord's Prayer is not only for direction, as a pattern according to which we are to make other prayers; but may be also used itself as a prayer so that it is done with understanding, faith, reverence and other graces necessary to the right performance of the duty of prayer.

Q188: Of how many parts does the Lord's Prayer consist?

A188: The Lord's Prayer consists of three parts: a preface, petitions and a conclusion.

Call to Confession

I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of

the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. Revelation 2:2-7

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, Pardon all my sins of this day, week, year, and all the sin of of my life. Forgive me for sins of early, middle, and advanced years; sins of omission and commission, of hard-heartedness, unbelief, and pride. Forgive me for my deficiency in outspoken zeal for the cause of Christ and for bringing dishonor to your great name. Forgive me for deception, and untruthfulness in my dealings with others. Forgive me for the impurity of my thoughts, words, and deeds, and for the covetousness of my heart. Lord, forgive me for my sins in private and in the family. Forgive me for my neglect in the study of your word and in irreverently offered prayers. Forgive me for opening my heart to Satan's temptations. O Lord, pardon all of my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered and forgotten. Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive. Adapted from the Valley of Vision (*Sins, 158-159*)

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Exodus 34:6-7

Hymn of Thanksgiving #32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and the 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

Tithes and Offerings

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the Lord has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution.” Exodus 35:4-5

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation #94

“How Firm a Foundation”

*Reading of Scripture Ephesians 3:14-19 (pg. 1243)

*Gloria Patri #735 (Creatorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "What God wants for you" Ligon Duncan

*Hymn of Response #261 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements and upcoming events:

May 9th - 9 am - Host 165th stated meeting of Grace Presbytery

May 11th - 12pm - 1 pm. Bible Study. We will plan to study from 12:15 - 12:45. Plan to come and go as your schedule permits. Pastor John will be teaching on the book of Acts. Bring your lunch and invite a friend as we study the Bible together.

Nursery Schedule

May 7: Beth Bee

May 14: Hannah Griffing

May 21: Ruthie Hinton

May 28: Nancy Hungerford

Church Leadership at New Covenant

Ruling Elders (Session) – Joseph Byrne, Tommy Ellett, Richard Griffing

Elder Emeritus – Frank Heard *Teaching Elder* - John Franklin

Treasurer- Andy Montgomery

Nursery is provided in Decker Hall for children under 5 years old.

Sermon audio is available on our website



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