

August 28, 2016

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “Assurance” Knapp/Bach  
Arr. Beck

Announcements

\*Call to Worship – Psalm 65:2-5

Minister: “O you who hear prayer; to you shall all flesh come.

Congregation: When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

Minister: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

Congregation: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Unison: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth....”

\*Invocation

\*Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn - “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #457

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading –Luke 11:1-13 p. 869 in Pew Bible

Morning Prayer

\*Hymn - “When in His Might the Lord” #360

\*Confession of Faith – Larger Catechism Questions 178, 180 & 184

#178 Q. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

#180 Q. What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

A. To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

#184 Q. For what things are we to pray?

A. We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others good; but not for anything that is unlawful.

\*Doxology #731

Offering

(Children 4 through K may be dismissed to Children’s Church)

Scripture Reading –Ephesians 1:15-17

p.976 in Pew Bible

Sermon

The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

“REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS”

Prayer of Response

from The Valley of Vision

O GOD OF THE OPEN EAR,

Teach me to live by prayer as well as by providence,

for myself, soul, body, children, family, church;

Give me a heart frameable to thy will; so might I live in prayer and

honor thee, being kept from evil, known and unknown.

Help me to see the sin that accompanies all I do.

Let me know that the work of prayer is to bring my will to thine,

and that without this it is folly to pray.

When I bring thy will to mine it is to command Christ,

to be above him, and wiser than he: this is my sin and pride.

I can only succeed when I pray according to thy precept and promise,

and to be done with as it please thee, according to thy sovereign will.

When Thou commandest me to pray for pardon, peace, brokenness,

it is because thou wilt give me the thing promised,

for thy glory, as well as for my good.

Help me not only to desire small things, but with holy boldness

to desire great things for thy people, for myself,

that they and I might live to show thy glory.

Teach me that it is wisdom for me to pray for all I have, out of love,

willingly, not of necessity; that I may come to thee at any time,

to lay open my needs acceptably to thee. Amen.

\*Hymn – “How Great Thou Art”

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude – “We Are God’s People”

Brahms/Arr. Bock

The Rev. Mr. David G. McKay, Minister

The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Minister

Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director

**Next Sunday** we will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**. Our denomination’s policy, in conformity with the Book of Church Order, is “to invite all those who profess the true religion, and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church, or those approved by the Session, after having given indication of their desire to participate.” If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Ruling Elders: David Collins, Bruce Longbottom, Rick McCready, or Don Murdock.