

## Lord's Day Worship

July 17, 2022

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAISE

- \* Call to Worship Revelation 15:3b
- \* Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### RENEWAL

- \* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Father, we come laden with guilt for our sinfully judgmental attitudes and absurd hypocrisy. There is no end to the list of ways we judge others. We look on other people with disdain, and judge them obviously unable to be as smart, reasonable, pure, wise, God-fearing, or generally just as good as we are. We willfully blind ourselves to the mountain of remaining sin in our own lives while we examine with smug satisfaction the broken and sin-stained lives around us. Our hypocrisy is shocking. Forgive us, Lord. We need a Savior! We call upon Jesus' name for deliverance from self-love and judgment toward others. Transform our hearts by your amazing love and grace.** (silent prayer)

- \* Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:8-9  
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.  
**Thanks be to God!**

- \* Hymn "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Pastoral Prayer & 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.**

Offering

*Doxology*

### THE WORD OF GOD

- New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
- \* Psalter Hymn "Lord, Hear My Honest Prayer"
- Psalter Reading Psalm 17
- Sermon "I Shall Behold Your Face"

### COMMITMENT

- \*Affirmation of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q. 52

What comfort does the return of Christ "to judge the living and the dead" give you?

**That in all affliction and persecution I may await with head held high the very Judge from heaven who has already submitted himself to the judgment of God for me and has removed all the curse from me; that he will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but he shall take me, together with all his elect, to himself into heavenly joy and glory.**

- \* Closing Song "What Grace is Mine"
- \* Benediction
- \* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

**We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Glory to God!

### Forgetting Heaven

Let's face it, we don't always live what we say we believe. We say we believe in eternity. We say that this life is not all there is. But often we live with anxiety and drivenness that indicates we've forgotten eternity. We get so focused on the urgency of today that we lose sight of what is to come.

The only way to make sense of life is to look at it from the vantage point of eternity. There must be more to God's plan than this world of sin, sickness, sorrow, and death. As Paul says, "If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:19). Yes, there is more, and when you live like there's more to come, you live in a radically different way.

There is a trite and false saying that "some Christians are so heavenly minded that they're no earthly good." Actually, the opposite is true. When you lose sight of eternity, you live for what is temporary, and your heart seeks satisfaction where it cannot be found. It leaves you either hoping that this life can be paradise (how's that working out for you?) or in despair because you think what is broken can never be made right. The Christians who do the most good in this world are the ones most focused on heaven.

It's essential to fix your eyes on what God has promised will surely come. Let the values of eternity be the values that shape your living today. Let God's Word remind you that the sorrows and difficulties of today will one day pass away. Remembering heaven can clarify your values and renew your hope. Pray that God, by his grace, will help you remember forever right here, right now. One day we shall see Jesus face to face.

*For this light and momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.*

2 Corinthians 4:17-18a



# CHRIST

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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July 17, 2022 | Rev. Phil Moran  
“I Shall Behold Your Face”  
Psalm 17

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