

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SILENCE FOR PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Based on Hebrews 12:25–29

Do not refuse him who is speaking or reject him who warns from heaven. Worship the Lord your God! For he has said, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” Come before the Lord your God with grateful hearts, for his kingdom cannot be shaken.

Offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire!

INVOCATION *

HYMN # 32 *

These Great Things

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, **open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things in your law**; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1-8 (pew Bible p. 732)

New Testament Reading: Matthew 21:28-32 (pew Bible p. 982)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SILENT & CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Derick Land

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, be gracious to our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for your Name's sake. Amen.

— Traditional Orthodox Confession

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*An Orthodox Catechism** Q. 3-5*

Question 3: How do you come to know your misery?

Answer: **The law of God tells me.**

Question 4: What does God's law require of us?

Answer: **Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

Question 5: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

Answer: **No. I have a natural tendency to hate God.**

DOXOLOGY

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Jim Bartenfield

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD'S HONOR

HYMN # 354 *

The Church's One Foundation

OFFERTORY PRAYER *

Jr. Howard

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SERMON

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A Heart for the Gospel

Romans 1:8-15 (pew Bible p. 1116)

HYMN # 353 *

O Church, Arise (stanzas 1-3)

THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN # 353 *

O Church, Arise (stanza 4)

BENEDICTION *

* *Congregation please stand.*

** *To view the full document, including Scripture references, go to [https://www.thecalvinist.net/etc/1680 Orthodox Catechism \(Hercules Collins\).pdf](https://www.thecalvinist.net/etc/1680%20Orthodox%20Catechism%20(Hercules%20Collins).pdf)*