

Order of Worship - Week of September 8th 2019

Call to Worship and Invocation

Pastor Phil leads call to worship from Psalm 105:

Leader:

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Songs of response:

1. Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah #57
2. From the Rising of the Sun (Psalm 113) by Sandra McCracken

Confession of Sin

Lucas begins by reading the 9th commandment. People confess in **bold**:

God says to his people: "you shall not bear false witness"

The ninth commandment forbids the use of our speech as a weapon against our neighbors. We are called to carefully and truthfully defend and preserve the reputations of our friends, our families, our fellow Christians, and even of our enemies.

We admit that we have a fascination with rumors, to hear and to spread them. We sorrowfully acknowledge that our love for appearing right has come at the expense of the truth and of the reputation of our fellow image-bearers. Lord, may we love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Father, forgive us for our sins and account us as righteous in your sight, only for the sake of our righteous Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Lucas reads Romans 8:1-4 to assure forgiveness:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Songs of response:

1. Christ is Risen by Matt Maher
2. Faithful to Forgive by Gregory De Blicek

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg, Q&A 111 adapted

Pastor Phil asks the questions, and all respond in **bold**
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 112

Q. What is the aim of the ninth commandment?

A. That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing.

Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are the very devices the devil uses, and they would call down on me God's intense wrath. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it.

And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Preaching of God's Word -

Pastor Phil preaches from Mark 1:16-20