Lift Up Your Voice

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” ............ Anna Laura Page
    Jill Peak, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Allegro con brio” from Sonata ............ Johann Hummel
    Emily Edwards, flute; Samuel Metzger, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP ................................................................. Jon McGuirt

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ............ AZMON
    Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Carl Gläser; arr. Metzger / Acts 3:8

INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 16 ............ Amanda Coop (8:15)
    Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first disobedience?

Since the covenant was made not only for Adam
    but also for his natural descendants, all mankind sinned in him and fell with him in his first disobedience.

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “God, Be Merciful to Me” ............ REDHEAD 76
    Music: Richard Redhead / Psalm 51:1

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
    Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
    Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Purify Your Heart

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with You and with one another. We have worshipped counterfeit gods and have sought salvation from pseudo saviors. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving You and Your people. We have not loved our neighbors as You have commanded nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! Pardon all our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered or forgotten. Send Your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may live in Your light and walk according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE 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.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Fairest Lord Jesus”. .........................Calvin Ellis

Music: Münster Gesangbuch / Music: Schlesische Volkslieder; arr. Ellis / Psalm 45:2

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Women’s Choir
Christy Young, director

†DOXOLOGY .................................................. OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING................................. Dan Burns

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)
CONSECRATE YOUR LIFE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION:
No. 500 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ............................... NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP  
Words: Augustus Toplady / Music: James Ward / I Corinthians 10:4

SCRIPTURE LESSON.......................................................... Exodus 5:1-9  
(page 48 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON If God Is Good, Why Did My Life Get Harder? George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” . . . . . . . . . . HENDON  
Words: Frances Havergal / Music: Henri César Malan; arr. Metzger / Romans 6:19

BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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