

Appendix E- Ohio Valley Presbytery Worship Service

Prelude

Celebration of Christ Our Worship Leader

Responsive Call to Worship - Hebrews 2:9-13

Singing of “Come Christians Join to Sing” #108

Prayer of Invocation

Singing of “The Lord’s Prayer” #426

Celebration of the Word Read and Preached

Reading of Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions #88, 89, 90

Q. 88. *What are the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?*

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Q. 89. *How is the Word made effectual to salvation?*

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Q. 90. *How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?*

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer, receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Reading of Scripture - Titus 2:6-8

Sermon - TE Tom Stein, Jr.

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

“Redeeming Mercy” - Choir [Words: Charles Wesley; Tune: Mindy Deckard ‘02]

1. Now I have found the ground wherein my anchor, hope, shall firm remain,
The wounds of Jesus, for my sin before the worlds’ foundation slain;
Whose mercy shall unshaken stay, when heaven and earth are fled away.

2. O grace, thou bottomless abyss, my sins are swallowed up in thee!
Covered in my unrighteousness; from condemnation I am free.
For Jesus’ blood, through earth and skies, mercy, eternal mercy, cries.

3. Jesus, I know, has died for me; here is my hope, my joy, my rest;
Hither, when hell assails, I flee; I look into my Saviour’s breast.
Away, sad doubt and anxious fear; mercy and love are written there.

4. Though waves and storms go o’er my head, tho’ strength, and health, and friends be gone,
Though joys be withered all and dead, and every comfort be withdrawn,
Steadfast on this my soul relies, redeeming mercy never dies.

5. Fixed on this ground will I remain, though my heart fail and flesh decay;
This anchor shall my soul sustain, when earth's foundations melt away.
Mercy's full power I then shall prove, loved with an everlasting love.

Q. 91 *How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?*

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in the, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

Returning to Our God and Savior [Ephesians 2:1-3]

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of God's Pardon [Ephesians 2:4-10]

The Words of Institution - I Corinthians 11

The Words of Invitation

The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving [adapted from Calvin's 1545 Strassburg service]

Heavenly Father, full of all goodness and mercy, as our Lord Jesus Christ has not only offered His body and blood once on the cross for the remission of our sins, but also desires to give this tangible representation of them to us as our nourishment unto everlasting life, we beseech thee to grant us this grace: that we may receive at his hands such a great gift and benefit with true sincerity of heart and with ardent zeal. In steadfast faith may we receive Christ himself as his body and blood are represented in these elements. He who is true God and true man is truly the holy bread of heaven which gives us life. So may we live no longer in ourselves, after our nature which is sinful, but may Christ live in us and lead us to the life that is holy, blessed and everlasting: whereby we may truly become full partakers of the new and eternal covenant, the covenant of grace, assured that it is thy good pleasure to be our gracious Father forever, never reckoning our faults against us, and to provide for us, as thy well-beloved children and heirs, all our needs both of soul and body. Thus may we give praise and thanks to thee without ceasing, and magnify thy name in word and deed.

Grant us, therefore, O heavenly Father, so to celebrate this day this blessed sacrament and remembrance of thy dear Son, to take hold of Christ by faith as we do, and to proclaim the benefit of His death, that receiving new growth and strength in faith and in all things good, we may with so much greater confidence proclaim thee our Father and glory in thee; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

The Bread and the Cup

Singing of "What Wondrous Love" #177

The Exhortation - Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Celebration of Our Life Together in Christ

Q. 98: *What is prayer?*

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Singing of “O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus” #211
Singing of “Hear My Prayer O Lord”

Open Time of Prayer

Singing of “Wonderful Merciful Savior”
Singing of “Give Thanks to the Lord” [Re:Awakening One - Franklin TN]

“You Are My King” - Choir

The Benediction

“Salvation Belongs to Our God” - Choir and Congregation