

Sunday, June 10, 2007 OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude Introit "In my life Lord, be glorified"

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Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalms 144:3-4 (NKJV)

Lord, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?

Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

MAN IS LIKE A BREATH;

HIS DAYS ARE LIKE A PASSING SHADOW.

*Hymn 544 We'll Understand it Better By and By

The Sharing

Let us be before our God in silence

Unison Prayer:

HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU SENT YOUR SON TO US TO SHOW US THE LIFE YOU WOULD HAVE US LEAD AND THE LOVE YOU WOULD HAVE US SHARE. WE OFTEN FALL SHORT. WE TAKE ON PROJECTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BUT WE FIND NO JOY. WE WORK AND PLAY AND FIND NO JOY IN ANY. WE COME BEFORE YOU ASKING TO BE FILLED, BUT AGAIN WE HAVE NO JOY IN LIFE. LORD WE ASK YOU TO OPEN OUR EYES TO WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE US DO. WE NEED FAITH, HOPE AND TRUST, BUT MOST OF ALL WE MUST SURRENDER OUR LIVES TO YOU. WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT WE WORSHIP NOT TO BE FILLED BUT RATHER TO PRAISE YOU AND TO LISTEN TO YOUR DIRECTION FOR OUR LIVES. LORD, FILL US WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND LET US SURRENDER TO THE LIBERTY OF LIFE IN YOUR LOVE. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

A Word of Assurance: Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Summary of the Law (Matthew 12:29-31)

HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE! THEREFORE YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STENGTH.

This is the second commandment.

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

There is no greater commandments than these.

Anthem: "My Faith Has Found A Resting Place" A. Gretry

THE WORD OF GOD

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 146: 1-10 (NKJV)

Praise the Lord, O my soul! While I live I will praise the Lord;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

DO NOT PUT YOUR TRUST IN PRINCES, NOR IN A SON OF MAN, IN WHOM THERE IS NO HELP. HIS SPIRIT DEPARTS, HE RETURNS TO HIS EARTH; IN THAT VERY DAY HIS PLANS PERISH.

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them;

WHO KEEPS TRUTH FOREVER, WHO EXECUTES JUSTICE FOR THE OPPRESSED, WHO GIVES FOOD TO THE HUNGRY. THE LORD GIVES FREEDOM TO THE PRISONERS.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

THE LORD SHALL REIGN FOREVER — YOUR GOD, O ZION, TO ALL GENERATIONS. PRAISE THE LORD!

*Gloria Patria (Hymn No. 623) GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END, AMEN, AMEN!

Announcements and Children's Moment

Hymn 435: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Jewish Scriptures: Job 23: 8-17

The Celtic Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 6: 5-18

The Greeting of Peace

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

"The Offering Doxology (625) and Prayer: PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE GOD ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW; PRAISE GOD ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS; PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.

Sermon: A Letter Home - George Munkenbeck

*Hymn 404 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*Benediction

*Response To The Benediction

Postlude

* Indicates Please Stand If You Are Able

The flowers gracing the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my sister and brother-in-law Dorothy and Harold Adamson, my brother-in-law John Simmons and my nephew Stephen Barning, by Lucille L. James.

The Reformed Church in America's 2007 General Synod is taking place in Pella, Iowa from June 7 through June 12. We pray for the leadership, the participants and the future of the RCA.

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