



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, May 17, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Responsive Reading of **Psalm 67:1-4**

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

Congregation: That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Hymn: #381 Red Hymnal *“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”*

Prayer of Invocation

*** Corporate Confession of Sin:**

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Hymn of Worship: #398 Black Hymnal *“God, Be Merciful to Me”*

Corporate Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 87-90

Question #87: Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

Answer: By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

Question #88: What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

Answer: Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

Question #89: What is the dying-away of the old self?

Answer: To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

Question #90: What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

Answer: Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Congregational Prayers

Scripture Memory: Psalm 37:3-4

Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Offering Announcement and Doxology

Prayer

Hymn of Preparation: #368 Black Hymnal *“Speak, O Lord”*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Sermon: *“How to Breathe a Dying Church Back to Life”* by Pastor Wes James

Hymn of Response: #348 Black Hymnal *“Facing a Task Unfinished”*

Benediction

** Congregation speaks*