



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, October 29, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Ezekiel 34:10, 22-24

Pastor: Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep.

Congregation: No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

Pastor: I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Congregation: And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

Pastor: And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them.

All: I am the LORD; I have spoken.

*** We Sing in Response:** #44 Red Hymnal "*How Great Thou Art*"

*** We Seek God's Presence in Prayer**

We Confess Our Sins Together : Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Colossians 1:21-23

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #359 Black Hymnal "*My Soul Finds Rest*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Adopted from Belgic Confession, Article 18

Pastor: *What do we believe concerning the incarnation of Christ?*

All: Therefore we confess...that Christ shared the very flesh and blood of children; being the fruit of the loins of David according to the flesh, descended from David according to the flesh; the fruit of the womb of the virgin Mary; born of a woman; the seed of David; the root of Jesse; descended from Judah, having descended from the Jews according to the flesh; descended from Abraham—having assumed descent from Abraham and Sarah, and was made like his brothers and sisters, yet without sin. In this way Christ is truly our Immanuel—that is: "God with us."

We Read From God's Word: Revelation 21:1—22:7

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:11-12

"...they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal "*Doxology*"

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #80 Black Hymnal "*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*"

No Children's Worship today.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*The Unification of God's People*"

- Pastor Ryan Diehl

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #1 CG Hymns "*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*"

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline

“The Unification of God’s People”

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Big Idea: Since God has promised to unify His people through purification, we must detach ourselves from things that defile us.

Main Point #1: The Promise

What has God promised?

He has promised to unite His people again

Main Point #2: The Means

How will God accomplish what He has promised?

He will bring them back to the land

He will install one king over them

He will purify their remaining sin

He will be with them forever