

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

February 15, 2015

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"He lives within my heart"

L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Hallelujah, Amen"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Romans 10:33-36)

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments; how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To God be the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #85**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who have confessed their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and righteous life for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 3:24-26

LAW OF GOD

Romans 12:1-2

CONGREGATIONAL SONG – SPIRITUAL

"I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim's journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Walk with me, Lord. Walk with me....."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Tallis Canon”

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-14 (Page 119 New Testament)

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #271**

“Rock of Ages”

SERMON

“Alive with Christ”

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism

See back of bulletin

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Lord of Love”

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #345**

“He Who Would Valiant Be”

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“Hallelujah, Amen” - Reprise

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY’S STEWARDS

Greeter: Carole Angrilla

Ushers: Carole Angrilla & Heidi Wilson

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Luncheon

Next week’s stewards (February 22):

Greeter: Heidi Wilson

Ushers: John & Sandi Torrant

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism – Q 86, 89, and 90

We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us.

And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

What is the dying-away of the old self?

It is to be genuinely sorry for sin, and hate it more and more, and to run away from it.

What is the coming-to-life of the new self?

It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.