

First ARP Church

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An Associate Reformed Family Serving God, Lancaster, and the World

Evening Worship

April 28, 2024

6:00pm

Prelude

Mrs. Ellen Mast

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Williams

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! ²Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! ³From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Invocation

***Psalm**

Red Trinity Hymnal #1

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.*

*3 O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.*

*2 The Lord ye know is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*4 For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.*

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 5: Are there more Gods than one?

Answer: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Question 6: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

Answer: There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Pastoral Prayer

***Psalm**

Blue ARP Psalter #134

“Bless the LORD, All You His Servants”

*1 Bless the LORD, all you His servants,
As you serve with one accord;
Bless the LORD in your night watches
In the dwelling of the LORD.*

*2 Lift your hands within His temple;
Bless the LORD, and raise them high.
May the LORD bless you from Zion,
He who made both earth and sky.*

***Evening Prayer**

***Scripture Reading**

Pew Bible page #202

Judges 3:7-11

Sermon

“A Rest Bringing Savior”

***Hymn**

Red Trinity Hymnal #507

“Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”

*1 Approach, my soul, the mercy seat
where Jesus answers prayer;
there humbly fall before his feet,
for none can perish there.*

*4 Be thou my shield and hiding place,
that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
and tell him thou hast died.*

*2 Thy promise is my only plea;
with this I venture nigh:
thou callest burdened souls to thee,
and such, O Lord, am I.*

*5 O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
to bear the cross and shame,
that guilty sinners, such as I,
might plead thy gracious name!*

*3 Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
by Satan sorely pressed,
by war without, and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.*

***Free Offer of the Gospel**

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

***Fellowship with the Saints**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we gather for fellowship and discussion.

Youth in grades 6-12 will meet in room #12 on the Red Hallway.

Children in grade 5 and under will meet in room #2 on the Green Hallway.

A Rest Bringing Savior – Judges 3:7-11

1. The Discipline of God

Judges 3:7-8

Proverbs 3:11-12

2. The Savior and the Justice of God

Judges 3:9-10

God doesn't let people run over His people without consequences. He may use people to discipline His people but He punishes them for the sins the same as He does His own people.

3. The Rest of God

Judges 3:11

Hebrews 4:8-13; Revelation 22:1-5

God wanted to give a permanent rest to Israel whenever they entered Canaan and defeated the people there. But they refused to defeat them. So, He points to us to Christ who would come and give us true rest in Himself. Rest from our sins and the guilt of them and rest in the New Creation.