CHRIST the SHEPHERD PCA

March 3, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Safely through Another Week (TH #391)

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory (TH #179)

*Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Exodus 20:1-17 (pg. 61)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

My Song Forever Shall Record (TH #99)

Sermon – While It Is Day

John 9:1 – 7 (pg. 895)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (TH #248)

*Closing Song – Take My Life and Let It Be (TH #585)

*Doxology (TH #731)

*Benediction

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

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.

Food for Thought

"[Jesus] employs the word **Day** to denote the time which the Father had fixed, during which he must finish *the work* assigned him; in the same manner as every man who has been called to some public office ought to be employed in what may be called his *daily* task, to perform what the nature of his office demands. Hence too we ought to deduce a universal rule, that to every man the course of his life may be called his **day**. Wherefore, as the short duration of the light ought to excite laborers to industry and toil, that the darkness of the night may not come on them by surprise, ere their exertions are well begun, so, when we see that a short period of life is allotted to us, we ought to be ashamed of languishing in idleness. In short, as soon as God enlightens us by calling us, we ought to make no delay, that the opportunity may not be lost."

— John Calvin, Commentary on John