



CROSS CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!*
for He is our God!

Psalm 95:6-7a

JULY 23, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Invocation

* Hymn Supplement pg. 55

“Psalm 42”

Call to Confession

Psalm 42:3-4

My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

* Hymn Supplement pg. 79

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

* **Old & New Testament Scripture Reading:**

Law: *Deuteronomy 17:1-7* (Idolatry Purged)

Prophets: *1 Kings 12:25-33* (Idolatry Perpetuated)

Writings: *Psalm 119:33-40* (Eyes on Worthwhile Things)

Gospels: *Matthew 16:24-28* (Following Christ)

* **Pastor:** This is the Word of our God.

* **Congregation:** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 30 (Q & A 80-82)

Q. How does the Lord’s Supper differ from the Roman Catholic Mass?

A. The Lord’s Supper declares to us that all our sins are completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself accomplished on the cross once for all. It also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father where he wants us to worship him. But the Mass teaches that the living and the dead do not have their sins forgiven through the suffering of Christ unless Christ is still offered for them

* *Indicates Please Stand if Able*

daily by the priests. It also teaches that Christ is bodily present under the form of bread and wine where Christ is therefore to be worshiped. Thus the Mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ and a condemnable idolatry.

Q. Who should come to the Lord's table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life.

Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Q. Should those be admitted to the Lord's Supper who show by what they profess and how they live that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's wrath upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn # 481

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn # 735

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, amen, amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Series: Judges

* Sermon Text

Judges 18

* **Pastor:** Thus far the reading of God's holy Word. And may God add His blessing to the reading of His Word.

* **Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “Idols, Idols, Idols, Idols!”

Pastor Michael Mock

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Prayer for Transformation

Lord's Supper: God's Way of Providing

* Eucharistic Hymn # 642

“Be Thou My Vision”

* Benediction

* Departing Hymn # 731

“Doxology”

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon Outline:

Sermon Text: *Judges 18* “Idols, Idols, Idols, Idols!”

True worship in the sight of the King leads to true prosperity, peace, and fullness.

1. The Success of Idolatry (vv. 6, 19-20, 27-30)

- a. Summary of the Scene
- b. Idolatry (v. 14)
- c. Levite (vv. 19-20)
- d. Danites (vv. 6, 27-30)
- e. **Application:** True prosperity is found under the eyes of the true King.

2. The Brutality of Idolatry (vv. 7-20, 28)

- a. Anti-conquest (vv. 7-20)
- b. Sympathy for Gentiles? (v. 28)
- c. **Application:** True peace is found under the eyes of the true King.

3. The Religiosity of Idolatry (vv. vv. 18-20, 30)

- a. Levite (vv. 18-20)
- b. Danites (v. 30)
- c. **Application:** True reverence is found under the eyes of the true King.

4. The Defiance of Idolatry (vv. 1, 20)

- a. Levite (vv. 1, 20)
- b. Danites (v. 10)
- c. **Application:** True fidelity is found under the eyes of the true King.

5. The Emptiness of Idolatry (vv. 24, 31)

- a. Tragedy (v. 24)
- b. **Application:** True fulfillment is found under the eyes of the true King.

7-23-23	Nursery Schedule		7-30-23
Sunday School	Carling & Douah	Sunday School	Carling & Hannah
Worship	Jacqui, Bethany & Eleonore	Worship	Keith, Joan & Jodie

Today & Weekly

Today

Pre-Service Prayer Gathering: 9:00-9:15am in the Library

ABF: 9:30am – “The Law of God”

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:45am

Cross Creek Open Bible Fellowship: 5:00pm-7pm. Please meet at the Adams’ home

Weekly

Men’s Bible Study: On break

Women’s Summer Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:30pm at the home of Kathy V (no childcare)

Thursdays, 10am at Cross Creek PCA (with childcare)

Senior Women’s Fellowship: Wednesdays, 10am, hosted by Linda T.

Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 7:00pm (childcare provided)

Evening Worship: 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings (and 5th when applicable), 6:30pm. On the first Sunday monthly at 5:30pm, a Fellowship Meal will precede the service and on the 3rd Sunday, the Lord’s Supper will be served.

Cross Creek Open Bible Fellowship: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 5-7pm. Please meet at the Adams’ home to share a meal, Bible Study and fellowship.

Vacation Bible School

VBS runs all this week from 9:00 – Noon

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on 30 July 2023 after the morning service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote whether to dissolve the pastoral relation with Pastor Mock.

Regarding announcement submissions: Please submit any information you wish to have printed in the worship folder No Later Than noon on Wednesdays.

Upcoming Events

A **Church-Wide BBQ** will be held on Saturday August 19th @ 5pm. Join us for food and fellowship. Yard games, burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Please sign up for a side dish at the Women's Ministry bulletin board in the nursery hallway or by visiting mealtrain.com/wd80o1. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynne Johnson.

Summer Play Dates will be held every Monday of August @10am. Families are invited to come for a time of play and fellowship. Yard games will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Eleonore Surles.