

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE

AUGUST 3RD, A. D. 2014

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 147

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

People: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

“Hallelujah, Thine the Glory”

Trinity 179

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 1:9, Acts 3:19

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin were we conceived. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and grant us willing spirits to sustain us.

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 15:1-5

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Bible Songs, iv

◇ “GLORIA PATRI”

Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 148, Trinity 840

HYMN

“Gracious Saviour, Gentle Shepherd”

Trinity 416

SERMON

“More Stumbling Blocks”

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 2:1-9

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Trinity 478

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ Doxology

Trinity 731

◇ BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE

“To God be the Glory”

Trinity 55

◇ Those who are able, please stand

