

**POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, A. D. 2015**

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:6-11

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:6-11

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL**

Psalm 138:1-5

*Pastor: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;*

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,**

*Pastor: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.*

**People: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.**

*Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,*

**People: And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN

**"O God Beyond All Praising"**

**Trinity 660**

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN

Romans 3:10-20

**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. 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

Romans 3:21-26

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Apostle's Creed**

**Bible Songs, iv**

◇ "GLORIA PATRI"

**Trinity 735**

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 62, Trinity 806**

HYMN

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

**Trinity 304**

SERMON

**"The Purpose for Gospel Preaching"**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:13-21

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

◇ HYMN

**"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"**

**Trinity 679**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Prayer

◇ Doxology

**Trinity 731**

◇ BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

◇ RESPONSE

**"To God Be the Glory"**

**Trinity 55, v1**

◇ Those who are able, please stand

