

POTTSVILLE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICE SEPTEMBER 11TH, A. D. 2016

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
(Ephesians 1:3-14 ESV)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE & SILENT PREPARATION

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 1:3-14

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

Psalm 96:1-10

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

◇ HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This” Trinity 261

◇ CONFESSION OF SIN Ephesians 4:17-24
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and grant us willing spirits, to sustain us.

◇ ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 4:25-32

◇ CONFESSION OF FAITH **Apostle's Creed** **Bible Songs, iv**

◇ “GLORIA PATRI” Trinity 735

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 116, Trinity 827

HYMN “Trust and Obey” Trinity 672

SCRIPTURE Acts 19:11-20

SERMON “The Dangers of Playing at Christianity”

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 “Now Blessed Be the Living God” Bible Songs 155

◇ Those who are able, please stand

† Music by Julie Evans

