



VERNAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

SERVICE OF COMMINATION & REPENTANCE
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Call to Worship

Joel 2:1-2, 12-13

¹Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations.

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Convicts Us with the Law

New Testament Reading

Romans 3:21-4:8

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 32

Sermon

The Pursuit of Happiness

Rev. Reid Roberson

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Your laws in our hearts, we pray.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:1-11

God Be Merciful to Me

REDHEAD

Assurance of Pardon

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Hymn #354

Abide with Me

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*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21



**The congregation is invited to stand.*