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### Old Goshenhoppen Reformed Church October 4th 2020



The burial ossuary containing the remains of Caiaphas The Jewish High Priest who presided over the trial of Jesus.

The high priest Caiaphas gave his answer to the problem of Jesus. In a period when the Romans deposed and replaced high priests so readily that the average tenure was little more than a year, Caiaphas was cunning and pliable enough to last eighteen years. His counsel was shrewd, yet with it, he unwittingly played the role of a prophet when he called for Jesus' death.

Dan Doriani

Chimes
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Prelude & Candle Lighting

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 21:2–3 (ESV)

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

\*Hymn #544 – The Church's One Foundation \*INVOCATION

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG WEEK #40

The questions for week 40 will be read by: Owen Kratz

### PASTORAL AND CORPORATE PRAYER \*HYMN #740 - The LORD'S PRAYER

While there will be no offering during worship, you may give tithes & offerings in the back of the church or online at ogrc.org

### SERMON – Injustice <u>Before</u>, *His* Throne Matthew 26:57-67

57 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58 And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward 61 and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." 62 And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." 67 Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, 68 saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

# First, A Moment to Privately Confess Our Sin OUR CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

O God, we have lived without regard to the limitations you have placed upon us. Forgive us. We have acted as if we are alone in our service to others. Have mercy upon us. We have neglected the means of grace, which nourish and sustain us. Forgive us, and have mercy upon us. Amen

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**





#### **RESPONSE TO HIS PARDON –**

Hymn: Grace, Grace, God's Grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

## INVITATION TO CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: (Q) What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation: (A) That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## PRAYER OF PREPERATION THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### **SERVING THE BREAD**

As the bread is circulated, we reflect on the savior broken for us: Please hold the bread until everyone has been served, then we will all say: *The Bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.* 

#### SERVING THE WINE

Please hold the cup until everyone has been served, then we will all say: *The Cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.* 

Pastoral prayer to conclude our thanksgiving meal HYMN #261 – When I Survey the Wonderous Cross BENEDICTION (A final good word from God)

CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #576 - Make Me A Servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak; and may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

### Postlude Chimes & Candles

Remember we all have different comfort levels with being in public at this time. Let us strive to be mindful and to maintain a respectful distance in situations where we are uncertain of another individual's social preference.

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