ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, July 10, 2016

Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; And to You the vow shall be performed. ... You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it. ... The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing. (Psalm 65:1,9,13)

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Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements]

Preparation for Worship: Psalter-Hymnal #493

*The Call to Worship

(see above)

*Confession of our need for God's grace (Psalm 124:8):

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth"

*God's Greeting to His People

*Psalm of Response

Psalter-Hymnal #117 (1,3)

*Opening Prayer

God's Law

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Prayer of Confession and Praise

(God's assurance of pardon: Psalm 65:3,4)

*Psalm of Praise Psalter-Hymnal #117 (2,4)

Confession of Faith (see bulletin)

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

*Song of Preparation Psalter-Hymnal #206 (1,7,8)

Scripture Reading: 2Kings 4:38-44

Sermon: 2Kings 4: 42-44

*Respond in Song Psalter-Hymnal # 54 (1,3,4)

*Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)

*(Moment of Silent Meditation)

ELISHA—Prophet of the Word of God-Part 10

Sermon: 2Kings 4: 42-44

The life-nourishing power of the Word of God is proclaimed in a Messianic "double miracle" with the bread of the firstfruits.

We see:

- 1. This life-nourishing power is first shown in the giving of firstfruits.
- 2. The firstfruits are brought to the prophet of the LORD.
- 3. This life-nourishing power is also shown in feeding the firstfruits to the people of God.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

CALENDAR

- <u>Sundays: 10:00 AM</u>—Worship Service.
- Sundays: after worship —Informal fellowship in food, singing, prayer, discussion and study.
- Wednesday's (5:45 PM at school)—Catechism class
- <u>Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; at school, 6: 00-8:00 PM</u> ["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: (Let us know your requests for prayer!)
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our <u>country</u> and government.
- Pray for <u>persecuted church</u> in the world.

Pray for King's: (SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study)

- Catechism class this week Wed.
- Our witness in "word and life" to others (as church and individuals), and the salvation of loved ones and "neighbors."
- The Lord's blessing on joyful tithing/giving (in box on table).
- God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.
- Families raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
- Hicks (as members who are away from us).
- Sharilyn's time in Canada, caring for her mother.
- HEALTH: Pastor Donnan (eyes, heart, diabetes, pancreatic cancer treatment). Gloria Donnan (Alzheimer's). Pastor Donnan's sister Jeanne (rehab from stroke).

Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.

- Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid); Des Moines, Iowa (Rev. Waters; wisdom re: candidate; Terry Welch-kidney cancer).
- Modolo's in Italy (direction; encouragement).

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

- The planning effort of the RCM Board with regard to RCM's future.
- GNBS (progress of programming; Roy Burrell, Fed Calderone).
- Doctoral students in seminary completing their theses.
- Outreach of the Bible courses and educational courses.
- Course production for the M.Div. program.

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,

the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

The Heidelberg Catechism

55. Q. What do you understand by the *communion of saints*?

<u>A.</u> First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ have communion with Him and share in all His treasures and gifts.[1] Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the benefit and well-being of the other members.[2]

[1] Rom. 8:32; I Cor. 6:17; 12:4-7, 12, 13; I John 1:3. [2] Rom. 12:4-8; I Cor. 12:20-27; 13:1-7; Phil. 2:4-8.

The Westminster Confession of Faith

WCF 8.6 Although the work of redemption was not actually wrought by Christ till after His incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefits thereof, were communicated unto the elect in all ages successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices, wherein He was revealed and signified to be the Seed of the woman, which should bruise the serpent's head, and the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world being yesterday and today the same, and forever.(1)

(1)Gal. 4:4,5; Gen. 3:15; Rev. 13:8; Heb. 13:8.

WCF 8.8 To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption, He doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same;(1) making intercession for them;(2) and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation;(3) effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey; and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit;(4) overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner and ways as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.(5)

(1)John 6:37,39; John 10:15,16. (2)1 John 2:1,2; Rom. 8:34. (3)John 15:13,15; Eph. 1:7,8,9; John 17:6. (4)John 14:16; Heb. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:13; Rom. 8:9,14; Rom. 15:18,19; John 17:17. (5)Ps. 110:1; 1 Cor. 15:25,26; Mal. 4:2,3; Cor. 2:15.

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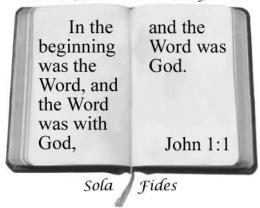
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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M. Lord's Day, July 10, 2016

Questions for discussion

[Sermon: 2Kings 4: 42-44]

- 1. What does the bringing of firstfruits show of God's power?
- 2. How does even the fact that we have food show a Messianic miracle to us?
- 3. What is shown in that these firstfruits came from *Baal Shalisha*?
- 4. Where were the firstfruits to be brought (normally)? Why now brought to Elisha?
- 5. Who was (normally) to eat the firstfruits?
- 6. Why did Elisha call for the firstfruits to be eaten by the people?
- 7. In what miracle did the LORD confirm Elisha's command to give to the people?