

GRACE REFORMED CHURCH

A Mission Work of the Reformed Church in the United States

August 20th, 2023

WELCOME

Prelude & Silent Meditation

CALL TO WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD

*Please stand

*Call to Worship & Salutation

*Doxology: #570 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

*Hymn of Praise: #212 “Come, thou Almighty King”

*Invocation

*Please be seated

THE LORD PROPITIATED OUR SINS

Responsive reading: from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 3 From where do you know your misery?

Out of the Law of God.

Q. 4 What does the Law of God require of us?

Christ teaches us in sum, Matthew 22: “Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment; and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Q. 5 Can you keep all this perfectly?

No, for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbor.

Prayer of Confession and Repentance with Assurance of Forgiveness

*Please stand

*Hymn of Praise: #431 “And can it be”

*Please be seated

THE LORD CONSECRATES US FOR HIS SERVICE

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Trinity Psalter, pg. 852)
and Canons of Dort, Lord’s Day #34 (insert)

*Please stand

*Hymn of Preparation: #391 “Come, O Come, Thou quickening Spirit”

*Please be seated

Scripture reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: **“Blessed be God the Holy Spirit”**
Ephesians 1:11-14

Prayer of Application

Our Response with His Tithes & Our Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

*Please stand

*Hymn of Praise: #394 “Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

THE LORD SENDS US OUT TO DO HIS WILL

*Prayer of Benediction

*Closing Hymn: “Gloria Patri” (Hymn #571)