

Date: May 19, 2024

Text: Hebrews 12:14-17

Series: Hebrews: Hope in the Wilderness

Call to Worship

Leader: *The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

People: **Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: *Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!*

People: **Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**

From Ps 105:1-2, Rom 5:5, and Rev 4:8

Confession of Sin

Leader: *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

People: **We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

(silent confession of sin)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

People: **We did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. We have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.**

From the Book of Common Prayer and Romans 8:1-2, 15-16

Profession of Faith

Leader: *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

People: **Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

Leader: *Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?*

People: **All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.**

Leader: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

People: That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Leader: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

People: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

New City Catechism, Questions 30, 35-37