

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church

WELCOME

Order of Worship

Traditional Service - April 14, 2024

**Congregation is asked to stand if able*

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Stephen Nielson

Celebration of Community

Introit

#641 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

***Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13

One: Let us worship God.

ALL: “He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”

One: Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

ALL: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

One: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

Call to Worship - Our liturgy begins by acknowledging God as God. We begin with a “Call to Worship,” a responsive reading often from a psalm. With this we focus our minds and hearts on our shared work of worship.

***Opening Hymn**

#215 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Confession -
Each Sunday we have a corporate confession of sins and hear an assurance of pardon. We strive to use the form of confession sincerely, acknowledging our brokenness—in thought, word and deed—and to receive God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ in thankfulness.

Assurance of Pardon -
We hear a reminder from Scripture that Jesus Christ has addressed the reality of sin through His life, death, resurrection and ascension.

Passing of the Peace-
This is an ancient greeting of brothers and sisters in Christ. After we have reflected and entered into God's presence, we greet one another with the peace of Christ as common forgiven sinners. As we are forgiven, so we forgive. As you are able, greet those around you with a kind word.

Responsive Prayer of Confession

One: For self-righteousness that will not compromise, and from selfishness that gains by the manipulation of others, forgive us, O God. For the lust of money or power that drives to kill,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

One: For the arrogance and thoughtlessness that abuses your good creation,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

One: For trusting in the weapons of war and mistrusting the councils of peace,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

One: For hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

One: For suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

One: For words and deeds that encourage discord, perpetuate racist assumptions, sexist stereotypes and classist attitudes—for everything that contributes to oppression

ALL: forgive us, O God.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66

One: We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

ALL: This is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

***Gloria Patri**

#813 Glory Be to the Father

Choir Anthem (11am)

Here I Am, Lord

Words and Music by Daniel L. Schutte
and arr. by Anna Laura Page

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn**

#656 Take Time to be Holy

Minute for Missions

Change for South Sudan

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

***Doxology**

Stuart K. Hine and arr. by Dino Kartsonakis

#815 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Blessing & Prayer

Message

Righteousness Theater

Pastoral Prayer & Lords Prayer

ALL: 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.

***Hymn**

#237 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

***Invitation & Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn**

#237 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (vs 2)

***Postlude**

"Take the Name of Jesus with You."

Announcements

Fiesta Potluck

Sunday, May 5 after AWE & 11AM Services

Come spend time in fellowship, Sunday, May 5 for a special potluck in the gym following the AWE and 11am services. Bring your favorite Mexican dish, casserole, vegetable, fruit, salad or dessert to share.

Sign up online to attend and to volunteer.
saxegotha.org/events

VBS Volunteer Registration

OPEN NOW

June 10-13

This year, kids will join us as we "travel" to the cool sands of Breaker Rock Beach. We need volunteers before and during the event. No matter what your experience or skill level, we have a way for you to get involved.

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