

Sermon Outline

Harem

Song of Solomon 1:2-2:7

- I. Harem: Voices of the Harem Beckon Yet Another Virgin to Join Them with The Fame of Solomon's Lovemaking. *v1:2-4*

- II. Harem: The Voice of the Shulamite Woman Calls Upon Her Shepherd Boy Rather Than Solomon. *v1:5-7*

- III. Harem: Voices of the Harem Extol Both Her Intrinsic Beauty and the Luxury of Life in the King's Palace. *v1:8-17*

- IV. Harem: The Voice of the Shulamite Woman Extols Her Shepherd Boy and Adjures the Harem Girls. *v2:1-7*

The vision for the New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church is to preach, teach, and practice the Reformed faith in Southeast Idaho through a God-centered worship service, a variety of teaching ministries, and practical service to the community.

We are covenantal
Holding to the Old and New Covenants or Testaments

We are confessional
Holding to the historic Westminster Confessional Standards

We are community oriented
Caring for our brothers and Sisters

We are cross-cultural
Believing that the Church is to be Called from every nation and race

We are Presbyterian
Believing that our church is only a small part of the Universal Church and that church government should fall upon the Presbytery or elders

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**This is what the LORD says
Stand at the crossroads and look
ask for the ancient paths
ask where the good way is and walk in it
and you will find rest for your souls**
Jeremiah 6:16

New Geneva

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

May 2, 2021

Prayer for Silent Meditation

We encourage you to use the moments preceding the commencement of holy worship in quiet meditation and preparation. Toward that end we offer the prayer below as food for thought.

Grant, O Lord God, that your Church – as it has only one foundation and one head – may truly and indeed be one body, holding forth one faith, proclaiming one truth, and following one Lord in holiness of living and love, even your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Lesslie Newbigin, AD 1909 – 1998

* Apostolic Salutation * Congregation Standing

Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*

People: *And grace be with you.*

* Call to Worship *Psalm 45, #802*

* Hymn God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory, #122

* The Law of God *Leviticus 5:1-6*

Prayer of Confession *Kneel (as able)*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life. To the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First English Prayer Book, AD 1549

* Assurance of Pardon

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister: *Herein is the pardon of the Savior.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn My Heart Does Overflow, #169

* Hymn How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds, #647

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Esther 2:1-11*

New Testament Lesson *Hebrews 11:23-28*

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O God.*

* Gloria Patri #735

Prayer for the Sermon

O Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path. Grant us so to meditate on that Word and to follow its teaching that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Jerome, AD 347 – 420

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Response to the Word of God

The Lord's Supper

Instruction on the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Since by your fatherly goodness you invite us here today to receive the holy testimonies of our peace and reconciliation with you and since your son Jesus calls to himself all those who labor and are heavy laden, you will surely not reject your servants who beg your grace and salvation and life in the death of Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we lift our hearts to you. Grant us grace to approach this table with humble repentance and a thirsty soul that desires your grace. Strengthen our faith so that receiving these visible signs we may receive by faith the broken body of Jesus Christ and his blood shed for us as the nourishment of eternal life. Amen.

John Calvin, AD 1509 – 1564

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister: *He is risen!*

People: *He is risen, indeed!*

* Hymn Psalm 45C

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own #432

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith,
Chapter XXII, Of Lawful Oaths and Vows,
Section 5 #861

* Doxology #731

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen #740