

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, August 24, 2014

The Christian Year: the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The LORD sustains the humble, but casts the wicked to the ground...he grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.”

Psalms 147:5-6, 14

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalms 147:1, 7, 10-11

Minister: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

People: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.

Minister: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of man;

People: The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Unison: Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 34

The God of Abraham Praise
(v. 2 and 4 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O, God, the world is artful to entrap, approaching in fascinating guise, presenting many a smiling face. Let our faith scan every painted bauble and escape every bewitching snare. Your word is full of promises when culled by faith. May we be made rich in its riches, strong in its power, happy in its joy; may we abide in its sweetness, feast on its preciousness and draw strength from its manna. Lord, come to us and increase our faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer, Brother and Friend. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 14

People: By faith a Christian believes whatever is revealed in the word to be the true, authentic, authoritative

statement of God Himself. By this faith the believer also acts according to what particular passages in the word say. By faith the believer humbly submits to and obeys God’s various commands. He trembles at God’s awesome threats and eagerly embraces His promises about this life and the life to come. But the chief actions of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting on Christ alone for justification, sanctification and eternal life, in the power of the covenant of grace. Thanks be to God!

*Hallelujah Tune: Hyfrydol (no. 196)
Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Heav’n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 834) Psalm 133

*Hymn of Approach No. 347

The Church’s One Foundation

The Prayers of the People

Unison: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, You have brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. In the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live:

Lord, receive our praise.

We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed:

Lord, accept our thanks.

We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health; and today, for these our brothers and sisters, who unite with us in membership:

Lord, accept our thanks.

We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption-that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself:

Lord, receive our praise.

For all of your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth we worship and adore you:

Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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 and ever. Amen

Words of Encouragement

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Psalms 40:1-3

The Public Reception of New Members

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH 11

Speak, O Lord

Worship of God Through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology No. 115

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia;
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Romans 14:13-23

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Mike Malone

“WHEN LOVE BECOMES TRUE LOVE”

*Hymn of Response No. 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

6:00 p.m. Evening Gathering
Hebrews 12