

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, August 23, 2015

The Christian Year: the Thirteenth 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.”

Psalm 147:5-6, 14

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 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

Creator and Redeemer God: Author of all existence, source of all blessedness, I adore you for making me capable of knowing you, for giving me reason and conscience, for leading me to desire you. I praise you for the revelation of yourself in the gospel, for your heart as a dwelling place of pity, for your thoughts of peace towards me, for your patience and your graciousness, for the vastness of your mercy. You have moved my heart to know how the guilty can be pardoned, the unholy sanctified, the poor enriched. May I be always among those who not only hear but know you, who walk with and rejoice in you, and who take you at your word and find life there. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, I pray. Amen.

Adapted from “A Present Salvation” from The Valley of Vision

*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
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. 821) Psalm 103

*Hymn of Approach No. 660
O God beyond All Praising

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:

Father, 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:

Lord, accept our praise.

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 thanks.

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:

Father, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

The Pastoral Prayer

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.

Psalm 40:1-3

*Hymn of Preparation SH No. 11
Speak, O Lord

Worship of God Through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
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 Psalm 29

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
“OUR RESULTS OF WORSHIP”

*Hymn of Response No. 460
Amazing Grace

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

There will be no evening gathering.