

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, January 31, 2016

*The Christian Year: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*“Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.” Psalm 125:1-2*

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]  
**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship** **Psalm 146**  
Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!

**People:** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save.

Minister: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

**People:** The LORD remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**Unison:** The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations!

**\*Hymn of Adoration** **No. 4**  
*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*  
*(verses 3 and 6 a cappella)*

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**  
**Almighty and everlasting God: Your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Father, you are our portion; therefore we hope in you. You are good to those who wait on you, to those whose souls seek you; therefore, we will wait quietly for your aid. In the name of Jesus, our savior and our hope, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** **HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, No. 27**

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

**People:** God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

**Unison:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gloria Patri** **Tune: Ode to Joy**  
Praise the Lord, for He is glorious; never shall His promise fail; God hath made His saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, His pow’r proclaim;  
Heav’n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify His name.

**Psalter Reading** (responsive reading, p. 797) **Psalm 37:1-9**

**Hymn of Praise** **No. 32**  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**The Prayers of Intercession**

**Unison:** Our Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, we ask that according to the riches of your glory you will grant us to be strengthened with power through your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of you, our God. Now to you, who are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to you be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**  
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:8, 11)

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving** **SH No. 4**  
*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

**Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**\*Doxology** **Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Reading of The Holy Scriptures** **Deuteronomy 5:6-10**

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**  
**Sermon** **“RECOGNIZE THE LORD AS ONE”** Dr. Mark Futato

**\*Hymn of Response** **No. 580**  
*Lead On, O King Eternal*

**\*The Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

**Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service**  
**6:00 PM Evening Gathering**