

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, June 12, 2016
The Christian Year: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” Ephesians 1:3

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Joel 2:12-16

Minister: “Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning!” declares the Lord.

People: “Rend your hearts and not your garments!”

Minister: Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: Blow the trumpet in Zion! Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people!

Unison: Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 38
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(verse 3 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
We love you, O Lord, our strength. You are our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. In you we take refuge. You are our shield and our stronghold. We cry out to you, who are worthy of our praise, for you are mighty to save. You are blessed forever, O God, our rock. You are exalted, O God of our salvation. Therefore we will praise you among the nations; we will sing to your name. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Confession of Faith THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q. 123

Minister: What does the second request in the Lord’s Prayer mean?

People: “Your kingdom come” means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil’s work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your

Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Ode to Joy
Look, ye saints the sight is glorious, see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow;
Hark! Those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 792) Psalm 25

Public Confession
O Lord of all creation, the stars in their courses obey Your command to shine. The fish swim in the sea, the birds fly in the air, and the cattle graze upon the earth. All Your creatures submit to Your design, but humankind. Forgive us for our presumption upon Your kindness, patience, and Your will, and for forgetting that we are but a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. You are the one who sustains us, yet in arrogance we pursue our own designs for our lives, our marriages, our children, our vocations and our wealth. Humble our hearts to seek first Your kingdom and Your will for Your glory and not our own. Make us dependent upon Your mercy, teaching us to worship and to wonder at every good gift You send.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel
For those who draw near to God, He will draw near to you. For those who submit themselves to God and humble themselves before the Lord, He will exalt you and give to you the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.
James 1:12, 4:7-8, 10

*Hymn of Praise No. 458
What Tho’ I Cannot Break My Chain

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Ruth 1:1-5

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
“Experiencing Loss”

Hymn of Confession No. 252
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation and Instructions
All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord’s Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is any person from whom you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.
Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.

*Departing Hymn No. 246
Man of Sorrows! What a Name

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Many thanks to you.