

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, July 10, 2016

The Christian Year: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"For this is what the high and lofty One says – He who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in the high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" Isaiah 57:15

[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 145:9-13

Minister: The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works!

People: **All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You!**

Minister: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

People: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations!**

Unison: **Come! Let us give praise to the Lord!**

*Hymn of Adoration No. 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

God of all good: I bless you for the means of grace, and especially, this day, for the sacrament of holy communion. By your Spirit enliven my faith rightly to discern and spiritually to apprehend the Savior. As the outward elements nourish my body, so may your indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. This we ask, in the name of Him who is our One Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 75

Minister: How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

People: **In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command He gave this promise: First,**

as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely His body was offered and broken for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely He nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with His crucified body and poured-out blood. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Ode to Joy
God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices; thy commandments to fulfill.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 795) Psalm 32

Hymn of Confession SH 4
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
(verses 1, 2)

Public Confession (Congregation together) Isaiah 53
He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Hymn of Confession SH 4
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
(verses 3, 4)

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:1, 3, 4

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH 4
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
(verses 5, 6)

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*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!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Ruth 1:6-22

The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
"RETURNING AFTER LOSS"

*Hymn of Response and Preparation No. 264
Jesus, Keep Me near the 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. 263
Lift High the Cross

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

In conjunction with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!