

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, July 24, 2016

The Christian Year: the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*“I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.”
Isaiah 46:13*

[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 62:1-2, 8

Minister: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

People: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Minister: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People: Trust in Him at all times, O people pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

*Hymn of Adoration No. 115
All Creatures of Our God and King

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Lord Jesus, Great High Priest, you have opened a new and living way by which fallen creatures can approach you with acceptance. Help us to contemplate the dignity of your person, the perfection of your sacrifice, the effectiveness of your intercession. Here among your saints, encourage our hope: we were once poor and are now rich, bound and are now free, tried and now are victorious. May our desires be enlarged and our hopes emboldened, that we may honor you by our entire dependency and by the greatness of our expectation. This we ask in your name, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 26

Minister: What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?”

People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and

everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because He is almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Hyfrydol
God of glory, power and 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, page 814)* Psalm 85

*Hymn of Approach SH No. 9
In Christ Alone

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, we pray for your Church that she may be revived.

People: We pray for all pastors and missionaries.

Minister: We pray for family, neighbors and friends who do not know Christ.

People: We pray for those in this congregation who serve Christ in various ministries in our community.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Amen.

Words of Encouragement

Minister: “But now, thus says the Lord, your creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.’”

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 170
Fairest Lord Jesus

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 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 3:17-19

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Mr. Clayton Shaver
“HOW LONG?”

*Hymn of Response No. 691
It Is Well with My Soul

*The Concluding Prayer

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*