

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, July 31, 2016

The Christian Year: the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand....Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust.”
Psalm 40:1, 2, 4

[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 29:1-2

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Minister: The LORD is enthroned as King forever!

People: The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace!

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 100
Holy, Holy, Holy
(verse 4 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
Almighty and Everlasting God, the heavens declare your glory and the earth your riches; the universe is your temple and you fill it with the immensity and majesty of your being. Yet you who inhabit eternity are pleased to dwell with the humble and contrite in heart. O God, make us, each one and all together, a fit habitation for yourself so that we might know the joy of your fellowship. In the name of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 58

Minister: How does the article concerning ‘life everlasting’ comfort you?

People: Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear

has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

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

Hymn of Praise No. 106
Father, Father of all Things

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: I pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries, especially Ted and Donna Robart and staff (the Women’s Refuge), the board and staff of CareNet, Amjad and Sarah Mahand (London, England), Brett and Katie Webster (RUF, Berkley), Bishop Peter Kitula and the pastors of Tanzania. I pray for the Church.

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. We pray for all those in any need or trouble.

Mnister: Father, I pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. May they find and be found by Him.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of the Lord fill the earth through them.

Minster: I pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 465
Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

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 Matthew 20:1-16

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Pastor Mike Osborne
“THE NEW MATH OF GRACE”

*Hymn of Response No. 467
Wonderful Grace of Jesus

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.