

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, August 28, 2016

The Christian Year: the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. . . .
In the great assembly I will praise the LORD.”

Psalm 26:8, 12

[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 147:1, 7, 10-11

Minister: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our
God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!

People: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to
our God on the harp.

Minister: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his
delight in the legs of man;

People: The LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put
their hope in His unfailing love.

Unison: Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O
Zion!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 34
The God of Abraham Praise
(verses 2 and 4 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

GLORIOUS JEHOVAH, MY COVENANT GOD: All your
promises in Christ Jesus are yes and amen, and all shall be
fulfilled. You have spoken them, and they shall be done;
commanded, and they shall come to pass. You have given me to
read my pardon in the wounds of Jesus, and my soul trusts in
Him, my God incarnate, the ground of my life, the spring of my
hope. Bless me with Abraham’s faith that staggers not at
promises through unbelief. Give me the confidence I ought to
have in Him who is worthy to be praised, and who is blessed for
evermore. In His glorious name, we come boldly to you. Amen.

Adapted from “Divine Promises” in The Valley of Vision

*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. 14

Minister: Christian, what is saving faith?

People: By faith a Christian believes whatever is revealed in
the word to be the true, authentic, authoritative
statement of God Himself. By this faith the believer
also acts according to what particular passages in the
word say. By faith the believer humbly submits to
and obeys God’s various commands. He trembles at
God’s awesome threats and eagerly embraces His
promises about this life and the life to come. But the
chief actions of saving faith are accepting, receiving,
and resting on Christ alone for justification,
sanctification and eternal life, in the power of the
covenant of grace. Thanks be to God!

*Hallelujah Tune: Hyfrydol
Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Heav’n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 834) Psalm 133

*Hymn of Approach No. 347
The Church’s One Foundation

The Prayers of the People

Unison: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, You have
brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and
uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your
mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by
adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy
and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. In
the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave
and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and
Friend. Amen.

Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty,
splendor and majesty of the world in which we live:

Lord, receive our praise.

We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are
sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed:

Lord, accept our thanks.

We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family
and health:

Lord, accept our thanks.

We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in
Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us,
found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself:

Lord, receive our praise.

For all of your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope
of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the
new earth we worship and adore you:

Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

Silent Prayers of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and
heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of
destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon
a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in
my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see
and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-3

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 11
Speak, O Lord

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia;
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Zechariah 1:1-16

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Mike Glodo
“THE PLACE WHERE GLORY DWELLS: THE PROMISE STILL STANDS”

*Hymn of Response No. 498
Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.