

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, October 2, 2016

The Christian Year: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes." Psalm 118:6, 8

[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 145:1-3, 14
Minister: I will exalt you my God, the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Minister: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

People: The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Unison: Praise the LORD! O, sing praise to the LORD!

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 38
Immortal, Invisible
(v. 3 a cappella)

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Almighty Father, you are our Maker and we are the work of your hands; you are our Pastor and we are the sheep under your care; you are our Redeemer and we are the treasured possession whom you have bought. We praise you for the innumerable benefits and special graces which you have poured out upon us. And since it is not possible for us to rehearse them all, nor sufficiently to conceive any of them in our minds, come to us and assist us; receive our worship and our thanksgiving in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

***Confession of Faith** Westminster Larger Catechism, Q 26

Minister: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

People: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of

driving them out of themselves, and drawing them to Christ; of conforming them to His image and subduing them to His will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation!

All: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria** Tune: Gloria Patri (Greateorex)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

The Revelation of God’s Will Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: And God spoke all these words saying: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ‘

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

Minister: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Unison: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength...and your neighbor as yourself.”

Hymn of Confession Insert

Beneath the Cross

Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all that has displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins—for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, enable us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Silent Meditation and Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon
“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” Isaiah 1:18

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** SH 9
In Christ Alone

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** I Peter 4:7-11

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Dr. Michael Allen
“ENDING AND KEEPING ON”

***Hymn of Response** No. 585
Take My Life, and Let It Be

***The Benediction**

Postlude
**Denotes congregation standing if able*