

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, October 9, 2016

The Christian Year: The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
Matthew 11:28-29

[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 113:1, 7-8

Minister: Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

People: Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

People: He seats them with princes, with the princes of the people.

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

*Hymn of Adoration No. 164
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(verse 5 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation
Heavenly Father, we come to you this day to offer our thanksgiving for all of the good you have done for us. And we praise you especially for this magnificent and entirely free grace, which has drawn us into the communion of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you have given over to death for us, and whom you give to us as food for eternal life. O Lord, you are the bread of heaven. Come to us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and feed us with yourself, as we hear your word and gather at your table. This we ask in your name. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 79

Minister: Why does Christ call the bread His body and the cup His blood, or ‘the new covenant in His blood’?

People: Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too His crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life. But more important, He wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit’s work, share in His true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in His remembrance, and that all of His suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Hyfrydol
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. 804) Psalm 51

Public Confession

Minister: In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength. Isaiah 30:15

People: O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, affection, is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. Am I attractive? What fuel for pride! Am I gifted? How I lust after applause! Do I have much? How imprisoned I am by what I possess. Am I in need? How I despise what I have not! You know that all these are snares; but my greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my heart, but let me not forget my heavenly title, nor the grace that can deal with every sin.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH 6
Before the Throne of God Above

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 Zechariah 2

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Mike Glodo
“THE PLACE WHERE GLORY DWELLS: THE CITY BEAUTIFUL”

*Hymn of Response and Preparation SH 7
Behold the Lamb
(verses 1-2)

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 SH 7
Behold the Lamb
(verses 3-4)

*The Benediction

Postlude
*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Many thanks to you.