

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, February 19, 2017
The Christian Year: the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

“Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit. The LORD sustains the humble, but casts the wicked to the ground...He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.”
Psalm 147:5-6, 14
[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 36

Minister: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep!

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Unison: O, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 53
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(v. 3 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O, Jesus, our merciful Savior, Redeemer and Friend: Come and dwell among us that we might know the beauty of your presence and the comfort of your love. And be our strength until the day of your glorious return when perfect sight will behold the more beautiful object, the more perfect appetite taste the sweeter food, the more musical ear hear the more perfect melody, and the more complete soul delight in the more perfect joys, all to the praise of your most glorious grace. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q 1&2

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Minister: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?

People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

*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 SH No. 10
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

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.

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

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

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

People: 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.

Minister: For all 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.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving and praise.

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 and ever. Amen

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 500
Rock of Ages

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 Hebrews 5:14

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Michael Allen
“MAKING MATURITY”

*Hymn of Response No. 518
Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground
(last verse a cappella)

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

Cookies & Catechism immediately following the service