

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, May 14, 2017
The Christian Year: The Fifth Sunday of Easter,

10:30 AM Morning Service

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name. Psalm 86:11

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11

Minister: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Minister: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Unison: Sing praises to the Lord. . . . Tell among the peoples His deeds!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 301
Join All the Glorious Names
(verse 5 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation
O LORD, your name is a strong tower. The righteous run to it and are safe. Your name is majestic; it is glorious; it is to be feared and to be praised. For you are the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and fourth generation. And now, LORD, we approach you in the powerful name of Jesus—our Savior and Redeemer, who took the punishment which we, the guilty, deserve and who secured for us forgiveness, justification, and eternal life. Amen.

*Confession of Faith WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH, CHAPTER VIII.I

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between

God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

*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.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 835) Psalm 138

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 645
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Public Confession
Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Promise of the Gospel
Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: “I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, ‘I will confess my transgression to the Lord’; and You did forgive the guilt of my sin.” Psalm 32:5

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 662
As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*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!

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Matthew 6:19-34

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Michael Allen
“WHOLEHEARTEDNESS”

*Hymn of Preparation No. 263
Lift High the Cross (verses 1-3)

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 No. 263
Lift High the Cross (verse 4-5)

*The Benediction

Postlude
*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

In conjunction with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, the deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!