

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, May 21, 2017
The Christian Year: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” Ephesians 1:3

[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 103:1-5
Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Minister: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 53
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(verse 4 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and bless you. For you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before you. In love you predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, to the praise of your glorious grace. And now in Christ, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of your grace, which you lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight, making known to us the mystery of your will, according to your purpose, which you set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Jesus’ name we come to you. Amen.
(from Ephesians 1:3-10)

*Confession of Faith HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

*Gloria Tune: Mit Freuden Zart
Ye who confess Christ’s holy name, to God give praise and glory;
Ye who the Father’s pow’r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 833) Psalm 130

*Hymn of Praise No. 170
Fairest Lord Jesus

The Prayers of Intercession
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, we pray that you will give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of you, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which you have called us, what are the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might that you worked in Christ when you raised Him from the dead and seated Him at your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. You have put all things under Christ’s feet and have given Him as head over all things to us, the church. It is in His name we come to You. Amen.
(from Ephesians 1:15-23)

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance
Minister: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 6
Before the Throne

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 John 1:15

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
“JOHN THE WITNESS – AGAIN”

*Hymn of Response No. 649
More Love to Thee, O Christ

*Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregation standing, if able.