

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, June 25, 2015

The Christian Year: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand....Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust.”
Psalm 40:1, 2, 4.

[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 8:1, 3, 4, 9

Minister: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars, which you have set in place,

Minister: What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Unison: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 97
We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
Almighty and Everlasting God, the heavens declare your glory and the earth your riches; the universe is your temple and you fill it with the immensity and majesty of your being. Yet you who inhabit eternity are pleased to dwell with the humble and contrite in heart. O God, make us, each one and all together, a fit habitation for yourself so that we might know the joy of your fellowship. In the name of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism, Q 74

Minister: What is adoption?

People: Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of His children, have His name put upon them, the Spirit of His Son given to them, are under His fatherly care and

provision, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, are made heirs of all the promises, and are fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*Hallelujah Tune: Hyfrydol
Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Heav’n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 800) Psalm 42

*Hymn of Preparation No. 253
There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty, incomprehensible but prayer-hearing God: We bless you that you have made us capable of knowing you, the author of all being; of bearing your likeness, the perfection of all beauty; of enjoying you, the source of all happiness. We come to you in the midst of our difficulties, necessities and distresses. We need the same counsel, defense, and comfort we found at our beginning. Continue the gentleness of your goodness towards us, and whether we wake or sleep, let your presence go with us and your blessing attend us; in the name and for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer and great High Priest. Amen.

Minister: I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries, especially for the Mahands (London, England), the Tanzanian pastors, the Websters (University of California, Berkeley), and local ministries: CareNet and the Women’s Refuge.

Lord, hear our prayers.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Lord, grant us healing.

I ask your prayers for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

Lord, show them your mercy.

I ask your prayers for all of our children and future generations which will be born to them. Pray that the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth through them.

Lord, be faithful to your covenant promises.

Grant us grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 11
Speak, O Lord

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 Ephesians 4:7-12

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Michael Allen
“DOWN AND UP, BUT ALWAYS GIVING”

*Hymn of Response No. 255
O Jesus, We Adore Thee

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.