

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, July 23, 2017

The Christian Year: the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.”
Isaiah 46:13

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-3, 21

Minister: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Minister: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

*Hymn of Adoration No. 115
All Creatures of Our God and King
(last verse a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Lord Jesus, Great High Priest, you have opened a new and living way by which fallen creatures can approach you with acceptance. Help us to contemplate the dignity of your person, the perfection of your sacrifice, the effectiveness of your intercession. Here among your saints, encourage our hope: we were once poor and are now rich, bound and are now free, tried and now are victorious. May our desires be enlarged and our hopes emboldened, that we may honor you by our entire dependency and by the greatness of our expectation. This we ask in your name, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

From The Valley of Vision

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 26
Minister: What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?”

People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and

everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because He is almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Hyfrydol
God of glory, power and 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. 831) Psalm 121

*Hymn of Approach No. 469
How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name, you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, we pray for your Church that she may be revived.

People: We pray for all pastors and missionaries.

Minister: We pray for family, neighbors and friends who do not know Christ.

People: We pray for those in this congregation who serve Christ in various minis-tries in our community.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which 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. Amen.

Words of Encouragement

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. . . . “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

*Hymn of Preparation No. 111
This Is My Father’s World

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 I Corinthians 12

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Mike Glodo
“LIVING PICTURES OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD: THE BODY OF CHRIST”

*Hymn of Response No. 355
We Are God’s People

*Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.