

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, August 20, 2017

The Christian Year: the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant”
Hebrews 12:22-24

[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 145:1-2, 18, 21

Minister: I will exalt you, my God, the King; I will praise your name forever and ever!

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever!

Minister: The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

People: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever.

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 38
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(v. 3 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer
Most High God, Creator of the ends of the earth, Governor of the universe, Judge of all men, Head of the church, Savior of sinners: Your greatness is unsearchable, your goodness infinite, your compassions unfailing, your providence boundless, your mercies ever new. We bless you for the doctrines, promises, and invitation of the gospel of peace. We thank you for your unspeakable gift. Your Son is our only refuge, foundation, hope, and confidence. We depend upon His death, rest in His righteousness, and desire to bear His image. May His glory fill our minds, His love reign in our affections, His cross inflame us with love. We pray in His name. Amen.

from The Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of Faith WCF XXV:I,II

Minister: What do you believe concerning the church?

People: The catholic or universal church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Mit Freuden Zart
What God’s almighty pow’r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth.
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne’er sleepeth.
Within the Kingdom of His might,
Lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 815) Psalm 87

Hymn of Response No. 345
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: 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.

Minister: We pray for God’s people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries. Lord, we pray for the Church.

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Minister: We pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him, especially for our family, friends and neighbors. God, please give us wisdom and grace as we seek to minister to them.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of the Lord fill the earth through them.

Minister: We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

Minister: O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.
Psalm 10:17-18

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name!

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 353
I Love Thy Kingdom, 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 Hebrews 11:8-16

*The Prayer for Illumination

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

*Hymn of Response SH No. 2
O Church, Arise

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.