

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, September 17, 2017

The Christian Year: the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation." Psalm 104:1, 9, 14

[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. 7 *From All That Dwell below the Skies* *(verse 3 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

All-sufficient God: You have made and now uphold all things by the word of your power. All nations are as nothing before you. One generation succeeds another, and we hasten back to the dust; the heavens we behold will vanish away; but you, unchangeable and incorruptible, are forever and ever, God over all, blessed eternally. You are infinitely great and glorious. Let us bless you at all times and not forget how you have forgiven our iniquities, healed our diseases, redeemed our lives from destruction, crowned us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, satisfied our mouths with good things, and renewed our youth like the eagle's. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

adapted from "God over All" from The Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of Faith

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, No. 56

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

People: I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in His grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

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. 825) Psalm 107:23-43

Hymn of Approach No. 32
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Silent Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who 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 and ever. Amen

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. 76
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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 John 8:12

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
"I AM THE LIGHT"

*Hymn of Response No. 646
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

**Cookies & Catechism,
immediately following this service**