

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, August 6, 2017

The Christian Year: the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity,
whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Is. 57:15)

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to WorshipPsalm 104:31-35

Minister: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Minister: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

Unison: Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

*Hymn of AdorationNo. 34

The God of Abraham Praise
(verse 6 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O Lord God, Who Inhabits Eternity: The heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches. The universe is your temple; your presence fills immensity. Yet you have of your pleasure created life and communicated happiness. You have made me what I am and given me what I have; in you I live and move and have my being. Your providence has set the bounds of my habitation and wisely administers all my affairs. I thank you for your riches to me in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of Him in your Word, where I behold His person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death and resurrection. In His glorious name I come to you. Amen.

From “God the Source of All Good” in The Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of FaithWCF II.ii

Minister: Christian, what has God declared about Himself?

People: God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them. He is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria PatriTune: Ode to Joy

Glory be to God the Father and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the Church as one:
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore!
Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

The Revelation of God’s WillEx. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: And God spoke all these words saying: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ‘

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

Minister: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.’”

Unison: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength...and your neighbor as yourself.”

Hymn of ConfessionNo. 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful God and Father: we have erred and strayed from your ways; like lost sheep we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against your holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare those, O God, who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, sober and righteous life to the glory of your holy Name and the salvation of our own souls. Amen.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Thanks be to God!
Isaiah 61:10

*Hymn of ThanksgivingNo. 523

My Hope Is in the Lord

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*DoxologyTune: 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 ScripturesExodus 3:12-16

*The Prayer for Illumination

SermonDr. Mark Futato

“I AM”

*Hymn of ResponseNo. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.