

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, September 3, 2017

*The Christian Year: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1*

[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 66

Minister: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you."

Minister: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name!

People: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Unison: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard!

### \*Hymn of Adoration No. 168

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Blessed are you, O LORD, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. We offer our worship freely and joyously to you. Keep forever such purposes and thoughts in our hearts, and direct our hearts toward you. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*Affirmation of Faith HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, No. 1

Minister: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that

without the will of my heavenly *Father* not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by His *Holy Spirit*, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

### \*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy

Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;

In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.

Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

### The Revelation of God's Will Ex. 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. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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. 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.

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

People: You shall not murder.

Minister: You shall not commit adultery.

People: You shall not steal.

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

People: 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 Confession Insert

*God, Be Merciful to Me*

### Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you; our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting your love. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all that has displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins; for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, enable us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Pastoral Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:1, 3, 4

### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 6

*Before the Throne of God Above*

### 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 Genesis 11:1-9

### \*The Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon Clayton Shaver

"THE END OF THE BEGINNING"

### \*Hymn of Response SH 11

*Speak, O Lord*

### \*Closing Prayer

### Postlude

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*