

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, October 29, 2017

*The Christian Year: the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday*

10:30 AM Morning Service

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. . . . For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
Romans 1:16-17*

[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 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

People: **Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**

Minister: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

*Hymn of Adoration No. 92

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(verse 4 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

I love you, O LORD, my strength. You are my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. You are my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge. You are my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I call on You, and You save me from my enemies. In distress I cry to You, and You rescue me from a foe that is too mighty for me. For in Your steadfast love, You delight in me. Your way is perfect; Your Word is true; You are a shield to those who take refuge in You. You are the exalted God of my salvation. For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to Your name. Amen.

from Psalm 18

*Affirmation of Faith

THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM, Q 70

Minister: What is justification?

People: **Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which He pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in His sight; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.**

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri

Tune: Gloria Patri (Greatorex)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 796)

Psalm 34

*Hymn of Praise

No. 523

My Hope Is in the Lord

Prayers of the People

O Heavenly Father, Forgive me for my sins. Teach me to see that if Christ has pacified You and satisfied divine justice, He can also deliver me from my sins. Forgive me for my pride and self-reliance. Teach me to see that Christ does not desire me, now justified, to live in self-confidence in my own strength, but gives me the law of the Spirit of life to enable me to obey You. Forgive me for my arrogance and blindness and hardness of heart. Teach me to see that if I sin not, I should thank You for it; that if I sin, I should be humbled daily under it; that I should mourn for my sin when I see how it strikes at You, when I see that it caused Christ's death. Forgive me for my lack of faith. Teach me that faith is receiving Your kindness; that it is an adherence to Christ, a resting on Him, love clinging to Him as a branch to the tree, to seek life and vigor from Him. In faith, I thank You that I am yours in my Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from "Belonging to Jesus" in The Valley of Vision

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Isaiah 43.1-2

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

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Let all things their Creator bless;
And worship Him in humbleness; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit, three in one;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures

Romans 3:23-26

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"THAT'S NOT FAIR!"

Clayton Shaver

*Hymn of Response

SH No. 10

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

*The Closing Prayer

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service

Sunday Supper and Town Hall Meeting this evening at 6:00