

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, November 12, 2017

The Christian Year: the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine....He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:6, 8)

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Isaiah 25:1, 4-5, 9

Minister: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things.

People: You have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress.

Minister: You have been a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

People: This is our God; we have waited for Him that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him.

Unison: Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!
(verse 4 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech you, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as He is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, He lives and reigns, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not

a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 795) Psalm 32

Hymn of Confession No. 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Public Confession

Minister: In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength. Isaiah 30:15

People: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. If you dealt with us as we deserve, we would not receive any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show us mercy and forgive all of our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts so that, not only the actions of our life, but the words of our mouths and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever, Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures John 10:11-16

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

*Hymn of Response and Preparation No. 248

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended
(verse 3 a capella)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ, or if you are harboring sin in your life, or if there is any person from whom you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We invite you, instead, to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.

*Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.*

*Departing Hymn No. 263

Lift High the Cross
(verses 1, 3, and 5)

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

**Cookies and Catechism, immediately following this service
Thanksgiving Meal this evening at 6:00 p.m.**

This morning our deacons will collect a special offering designated to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have material and financial needs. It has long been the practice of the church to receive gifts for this purpose in connection with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, remembering Jesus who "though He was rich, yet for your sake became poor so that through his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). You are encouraged to give generously. Please use the Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.