

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

**The Lord's Day, November 26, 2017**

*The Christian Year: The Last Sunday after Pentecost*

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:5-6)*

*[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 63:1, 3-4

Minister: O, God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

**People:** My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Minister: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**People:** So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

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

#### \*Hymn of Adoration No. 301

*Join All the Glorious Names  
(verse 5 a cappella)*

#### \*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

**God of My Salvation:** Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit, I adore you as one Being, one Essence, one God in three distinct Person, for bringing sinners to your knowledge and to your kingdom. O Father, you have loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me. O Jesus, you have loved me and assumed my nature, shed your own blood to wash away my sins, wrought righteousness to cover my unworthiness. O Holy Spirit, you have loved me and entered my heart, implanted there eternal life, and revealed to me the glories of Jesus. Three Persons and One God, I bless and praise you for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*From "The Trinity" in The Valley of Vision*

#### \*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 31 and 32

Minister: Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

**People:** Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret

counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

**People:** Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in His anointing, so that I may as prophet confess His name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

**All:** 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. 828) Psalm 118

#### \*Hymn of Preparation No. 98

*Now Thank We All Our God*

#### Prayers of the People

Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that we may be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of You, fully pleasing You, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of You, our great God, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to You, our Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. You have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of Your beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. In His name we pray. Amen.

*from Colossians 1*

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Words of Encouragement

Minister: This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, . . . in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

(Psalm 56:9-11)

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

#### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 17 *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

#### 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 I Peter 2:4-12

#### \*The Prayer for Illumination

#### Sermon Rev. Mike Glodo

**"LIVING PICTURES OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD:  
PRIESTS WITH A PURPOSE"**

#### \*Hymn of Response No. 164

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

*\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

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