

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, February 4, 2018

The Christian Year: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore." Psalm 125:1-2

[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 111

Minister: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

Minister: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

People: He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Minister: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is His name!

Unison: His praise endures forever!

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 53

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(verse 5 a cappella)*

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Our loving Father, We praise You, and we trust You. For this we know, You are for us—and so who can be against us? If You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all, will You not then also with Him graciously give us all things? Who can bring a charge against us? For you have justified us! Who can condemn us? For Christ Jesus died for us, was raised from the dead, and is even now interceding for us! Who can separate us from Your love? No one! We are confident that neither death nor life, nor

angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from Your love shown to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

from Romans 8:31-39

***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: Gloria Patri (Gretorex)

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.

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."

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. Psalm 130:3-4, 7

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** SH No. 10

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***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!

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures** John 15:1-17

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato

"HOW TO REMAIN IN THE VINE"

***Hymn of Response** No. 646

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

**Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service
Sunday Supper and Town Hall Meeting tonight**