

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

**The Lord's Day, February 25, 2018**

*The Christian Year: the Second Sunday in Lent*

**10:30 AM Morning Service**

*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.* John 14:12-14

[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 36**

Minister: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People:** Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your  
judgments are like the great deep!

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**People:** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do  
we see light.

**Unison:** O, continue your steadfast love to those who know  
you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

**\*Hymn of Adoration** **No. 76**  
*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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

O LORD, I bless your holy name. Let me never forget who you are and what you have done for me. You have forgiven all my iniquity, healed my diseases, redeemed my life from the pit, crowned me with your steadfast love, satisfied my soul with good. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You do not deal with us according to our sins or repay us according to our iniquities. For your perfect Son bore your wrath for our sin. With His life He paid our sins' penalty. And because of Him, you have removed our transgressions from us--as far as the east is from the west. We pray to you now in His name—blessed forevermore. Amen.

**\*Confession of Faith** **Heidelberg Catechism, Q 46, 47**

Minister: What do you confess when you say, *He ascended into heaven?*

**People:** That Christ, before the eyes of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven, and that He is there for our benefit until He comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as He has promised us?

**People:** Christ is true man and true God. With respect to His human nature He is no longer on earth, but with respect to His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit He is never absent from us.

**\*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!

**Psalter Reading** (responsive reading, p. 792) **Psalm 25**

**Hymn of Praise** **No. 508**  
*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**The Prayers of the People**

**Unison:** Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, You have brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; in the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

Minister: Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live.

**People:** We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed.

Minister: We thank you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health.

**People:** We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself.

Minister: For all of your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth, we worship and adore you.

**Unison:** Lord, hear our prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 53**  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*(verse 5 a cappella)*

**Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology** **Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen**  
Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, 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** **Acts 1**

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** **Pastor Seth Wallace**  
*"THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE CHURCH"*

**\*Hymn of Response** **No. 342**  
*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**\*The Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

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