

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, March 4, 2018

The Christian Year: the Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

*He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.
(1 Peter 1:20-21)*

[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 16

Minister: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

People: **I bless the Lord who gives me counsel I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Minister: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. . . .

People: **You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*Hymn of Adoration No. 301

Join All the Glorious Names (verse 5 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Blessed are You, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as You chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless in Your sight. In love You predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of Your will, to the praise of Your glorious grace, with which You have blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of Your grace, which You lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of Your will, according to Your purpose, which You set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. In His glorious name we come to You. Amen.

from Ephesians 1

*Affirmation of Faith WCF VIII.1

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning Christ the Mediator?

People: It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory be to God the Father and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the Church as one:
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore!
Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

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."

Hymn of Response No. 486

God Be Merciful to Me

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful God and Father: we have erred and strayed from your ways; like lost sheep we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Your holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare those, O God, who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, sober and righteous life to the glory of Your holy Name and the salvation of our own souls. Amen.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Unison: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Thanks be to God!
Isaiah 61:10

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH No. 5

The Power of the Cross

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Acts 2

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Pastor Seth Wallace

"THE DEFINITE PLAN OF GOD"

*Hymn of Response SH No. 2

O Church, Arise

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service