

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, April 8, 2018

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship** **Colossians 2:15; Revelation 4:11, 15:4; 19:6-7**

Minister: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

People: He has disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them in the cross!

Minister: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: For you alone are holy. Worthy are you to receive glory and honor and power!

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 163**

At the Name of Jesus

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Christ, our Risen King: You are the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. You died, but you are alive forevermore. You were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. So together with all those whom you have redeemed, we proclaim, "You are worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing forever and ever!" In your mighty name, we pray. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, No. 45

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power, we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria** **Tune: Ode to Joy**
Look, ye saints the sight is glorious, see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow;
Hark! Those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station! King of kings and Lord of Lords!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 827) **Psalm 116**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 154**
Thou Art the Way

Public Confession

Almighty, eternal God and Father: we confess and acknowledge that we, alas, were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we transgress your holy commandments relentlessly and in ways of which we are not even aware. But we are sorry for this and plead with you for your grace and help. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and for our joy and gladness. Grant to us your Holy Spirit that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please you more and more by a new and godly life. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. . . . I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:1, 5)

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 253**
There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Doxology** **Tune: Old Hundredth**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures** **Acts 4**

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon **Rev. Seth Wallace**

"NO OTHER NAME"

***Hymn of Response and Preparation** **SH No. 7**
Behold the Lamb (verses 1-2)

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** **SH No. 7**
Behold the Lamb (verses 3-4)

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!