

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, April 15, 2018

The Christian Year: the Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6*

[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 136:1, 4, 6

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever!

People: To Him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever!

Minister: Who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of heaven for His loving-kindness is everlasting!

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

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 101

*Come, Thou Almighty King
(verse 4 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

All knowing and ever-present God: In You the enslaved find redemption, the guilty pardon, the unholy renovation. In You is everlasting strength for the weak, unsearchable riches for the needy, treasures of wisdom and knowledge for the ignorant, fullness for the empty. At Your gracious call we hear, come, take, receive and apply mercy sufficient for all our need. All this we have in Your dear Son, Jesus, Whom we praise and adore, and in Whose name we pray. Amen

***Confession of Faith** *The Heidelberg Catechism, #129*

Minister: What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer mean?

People: "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever" means: We have made all our requests of You because, as our all-powerful king, You not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good;

and because Your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria** Tune: Mit Freuden Zart

What God's Almighty power 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!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation.

He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.

As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band.

To God all praise and glory!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 831) Psalm 123

Hymn of Preparation No. 184 (tune St. Columba)
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Prayers of the People

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 praise 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 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.

People: Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

Minister: And O Lord, in these days which seem so uncertain to us, in which violence and terror seem to reign, grant mercy to those who suffer, and to Your people the assurance of Your Fatherly care.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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. Amen.

Words of Encouragement

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-3

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** SH 17

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

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 heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures** Acts 5

***Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN"

***Hymn of Response** No. 94

How Firm a Foundation

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*