

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, May 6, 2018

The Christian Year: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD....This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:19, 24

[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 40:1-3, 16

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.

People: **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.**

Minister: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually,

People: **"Great is the Lord!"**

*Hymn of Adoration No. 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Almighty God, Your main plan, and the end of Your will, is to make Christ glorious and beloved on earth and in heaven where He is now ascended. One day all the elect will behold His glory, and love and serve Him forever. In this world you have given me a beginning; one day it will be perfected in the new earth. Help me, now, to see and know Christ, to take Him, receive Him, possess Him, love Him, bless Him in my heart, mouth, life until that day when I will know, even as I am fully known. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

From "Christ Alone" in The Valley of Vision

*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 Tune: Ode to Joy
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

*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 8

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"THE GOSPEL FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE"

*Hymn of Response No. 441

Jesus Shall Reign

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*