

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, May 13, 2018

The Christian Year: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Morning Service

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7

[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 1:15-18

Minister: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

Minister: And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

People: And He is the head of the body, the church.

Minister: He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

Unison: Come, let us worship our Risen Savior!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 296

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(verse 6 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity: The heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches; the universe is your temple, and your presence fills immensity. Yet you have of your pleasure created life and communicated happiness. You have made me what I am and given me what I have. In you I live and move and have my being; you wisely administer all my affairs. I thank you for your riches to me in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of Him in your Word, where I behold his Person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection. I pray to you in the all-prevailing name of Jesus. Amen.

From "God the Source of All Good" in The Valley of Vision

*Confession of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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. 804) Psalm 51

Public Confession

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Promise of the Gospel

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"; and You did forgive the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32:5

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 486

God Be Merciful to Me

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 9

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"SAUL PROCLAIMS JESUS"

*Hymn of Response and Preparation No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

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 No. 460

Amazing Grace!

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

In conjunction with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship. 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!

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.