

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, July 1, 2018

The Christian Year: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10*

[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 144:1-2, 15

Minister: Blessed be the LORD, my rock, . . .

People: He is my steadfast love and my fortress,

Minister: my stronghold and my deliverer,

People: my shield and He in whom I take refuge.

Unison: Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Our Father, Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth: In your Word, we delight to behold you. In great might, you rule over all. You measure the waters in the hollow of your hand. You mark off the heavens with a span. You weigh the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance. To you, all the nations are like a drop from a bucket. Yet like a shepherd, you tend your flock: you gather us in your arms, you carry us close to your heart, you gently lead us. You never grow faint or weary, and your understanding is unsearchable. So when we are faint, you give us power. When we have no might, you increase our strength. For all this we praise you and thank you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** The Larger Catechism, Q. 7

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** Tune: Ode to Joy

Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

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 Confession** No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me (verses 1-4)

Corporate Confession

Holy Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, and affection, is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me or despise those below. I covet honor and riches of the mighty and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. If I behold beauty, it is a bait to lust. If I see deformity, it stirs up loathing and disdain. How soon do slanders, vain jests, and wanton speeches creep into my heart! Am I comely? What fuel for pride! Am I deformed? What an occasion for repining! Am I gifted? I lust after applause! Am I unlearned? How I despise what I have not! Am I in authority? How prone to abuse my trust, make will my law, exclude others' enjoyments, serve my own interests and policy! Am I inferior? How much I grudge others' pre-eminence! Am I rich? How exalted I become! You know that all these are snares by my corruptions, and that the greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my natural state, but let me not forget my heavenly title, or the grace that can deal with every sin.

from "Self-Deprecation" in The Valley of Vision

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Hymn of Response No. 486

God, Be Merciful to Me (verses 5-6)

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 15

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"THE PEACE AND PURITY OF THE CHURCH"

***Hymn of Response** No. 347

The Church's One Foundation

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

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