

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, July 22, 2018

The Christian Year: the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Isaiah 57:15

Minister: For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

People: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

Minister: to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Unison: Come, let us praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 94
How Firm a Foundation

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Lord Jesus, Great High Priest, you have opened a new and living way by which fallen creatures can approach you with acceptance. Help us to contemplate the dignity of your person, the perfection of your sacrifice, the effectiveness of your intercession. Here among your saints, encourage our hope: we were once poor and are now rich, bound and are now free, tried and now are victorious. May our desires be enlarged and our hopes emboldened, that we may honor you by our entire dependency and by the greatness of our expectation. This we ask in your name, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q 49
Minister: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension into heaven?

People: First, that he is our Advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven; second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the Head, will also

take us, his members, up to himself; third, that he sends us his Spirit as an earnest, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God, and not the things that are upon the earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Hyfrydol
God of glory, power and mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

Psalter Reading (*Responsive Reading, page 836*) Psalm 139

*Hymn of Approach SH No. 9
In Christ Alone

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, we pray for your Church that she may be revived.

People: We pray for all pastors and missionaries.

Minister: We pray for family, neighbors and friends who do not know Christ.

People: We pray for those in this congregation who serve Christ in various ministries in our community.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who 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: "But now, thus says the Lord, your creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.'"

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

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 170
Fairest Lord Jesus

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 18

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace
"FOR I AM WITH YOU"

*Hymn of Response No. 691
It Is Well with My Soul

*Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*