

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, July 29, 2018

The Christian Year: the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god."
Isaiah 44:6*

[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 115:1, 18

Minister: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

People: for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Minister: We will bless the Lord

People: from this time forth and forevermore.

Unison: Praise the LORD!

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 55

*To God Be the Glory
(verse 3 a cappella)*

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

Almighty and Everlasting God, the heavens declare your glory and the earth your riches; the universe is your temple and you fill it with the immensity and majesty of your being. Yet you who inhabit eternity are pleased to dwell with the humble and contrite in heart. O God, make us, each one and all together, a fit habitation for yourself so that we might know the joy of your fellowship. In the name of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Q 94

Minister: What does the LORD require in the first commandment?

People: That for the sake of my very salvation, I avoid and flee all idolatry, witchcraft, superstition, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. Further, that I rightly come to know the only true God, trust in Him alone, submit to Him with all humility and patience, expect all good

from Him only, and love, fear, and honor Him with all my heart. In short, that I forsake all creatures rather than do the least thing against His will.

All: 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!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 827) Psalm 115

Hymn of Praise No. 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: I pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries, especially Ted and Donna Robart and staff (the Women's Refuge), the board and staff of CareNet, Amjad and Sarah Mahand (London, England). I pray for the Church.

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. We pray for all those in any need or trouble.

Minister: Father, I pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. May they find and be found by Him.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of the Lord fill the earth through them.

Minster: I pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps. . . . Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages. For the Lord will vindicate His people and have compassion on his servants. (Psalm 135:5-6, 13-14)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** No. 106

Father, Father of All Things

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 19

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD"

***Hymn of Response** No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*