

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, August 5, 2018

The Christian Year: the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food." (Isaiah 55:1-2)

[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 29:1-2, 10-11

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones; ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Minister: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

Unison: Come, let us worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 2

*O Worship the King
(v. 5 a cappella)*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Blessed Father: All of your ways are mercy and all of your mercies lead to and end in my delight. For my joy you have given me a Redeemer, sent the Comforter, multiplied your promises, shown me my future happiness and given me a living fountain. You are preparing joy for me, and me for joy. Grant us, as we worship you, a fresh apprehension of your grace that our hearts might leap toward our eternal Sabbath, where the work of redemption, sanctification, preservation and glorification is finished forever, and where you will rejoice over us with infinite joy. For the sake of Jesus your Son, we pray. Amen.

Adapted from "Joy" 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 Patri Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory be to God the Father and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the Church as one:
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore!
Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

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.

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.

Minister: 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.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, 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. 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful God and Father: we have erred and strayed from your ways; like lost sheep we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against your holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare those, O God, who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, sober and righteous life to the glory of your holy Name and the salvation of our own souls. Amen.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Unison: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Thanks be to God!
Isaiah 61:10

*Hymn of Thanksgiving SH 5

The Power of the Cross

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Acts 20

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"STAY AWAKE!"

*Hymn of Response No. 585

Take My Life and Let It Be

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*