

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

**The Lord's Day, August 12, 2018**

*The Christian Year: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**10:30 AM Morning Service**

*"I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live."  
Psalm 116:1-2*

[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 149**

Minister: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

**People:** For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

Minister: Let Israel be glad in His Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

**People:** Let the high praises of God be in their voices!

**Unison:** Come! Let us give praise to the Lord!

**\*Hymn of Adoration** **No. 457**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
(verse 3 a cappella)*

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

God of all good: I bless you for the means of grace, and especially, this day, for the sacrament of holy communion. By your Spirit enliven my faith rightly to discern and spiritually to apprehend the Savior. As the outward elements nourish my body, so may your indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. This we ask, in the Name of Him who is our One Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, No. 56

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

**People:** I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.

Rather, in His grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment. 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, p. 804) **Psalm 51**

**Public Confession**

Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. We have erected idols in our hearts, and bowed down and served them. We confess that we have been unchaste; instead of setting our minds on the riches that are ours in Christ, we have harbored all kinds of lustful and perverted thoughts. Not only have we sinned in our thinking, but we also confess our intemperance in our seeing, hearing, and speaking. But now in penitence we beg of you, O heavenly Father, that you would have compassion upon us. Have mercy upon us and graciously forgive us these and all our sins. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and keep us by your almighty power; fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways and live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Savior. Amen.

**Private Confession**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Promise of the Gospel**

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. Psalm 130:3-4, 7

**\*Hymn of Response** **No. 184 (Tune: St. Columba)**  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**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 21**

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** Rev. Seth Wallace

*"KNOWING THE LORD'S WILL"*

**\*Hymn of Preparation** **No. 500**

*Rock of Ages*

**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. 420**

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

**The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. 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.**