

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, August 19, 2018

The Christian Year: the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation." Psalm 104:1, 9, 14

[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 145:1-2, 18, 21

Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever!

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever!

Minister: The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

People: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise His holy name forever and ever.

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 455

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain
(verse 3 a cappella)*

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

God of Love and Mercy: We bless you for the love you have for your bride, the church. You loved us and gave yourself for us that you might sanctify us, having cleansed us by the washing of water with the word, so that you might present us to yourself in splendor. And on that day, at the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb, we will shout with the multitude of the redeemed, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory!" In His mighty name we pray, Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, No. 58

Minister: Christian, how does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?

People: Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have

perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria**

**What God's almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth.
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the Kingdom of His might,
Lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!**

Tune: Mit Freuden Zart

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 833)

Psalm 130

Hymn of Approach

No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

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: Father, I pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries. I pray for the Church.

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

Minister: I pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him, especially for family, friends and neighbors. Please give us wisdom and grace as we seek to minister to them.

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.

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

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

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 and ever. Amen

Words of Assurance

Minister: O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Psalm 10:17-18

People: Bless the LORD, O, my soul and all that is within me
bless His Holy name!

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** No. 662

As The Hart Longs

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 22

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"ALWAYS BE READY TO MAKE A DEFENSE"

***Hymn of Response** No. 598

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational 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.