

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

**The Lord's Day, August 26, 2018**

*The Christian Year: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**10:30 AM Morning Service**

*"I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. . . .  
In the great assembly I will praise the LORD."*

*Psalm 26:8, 12*

[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 147:1, 7, 10-11

Minister: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!

People: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.

Minister: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of man;

People: The LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.

Unison: Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion!

### \*Hymn of Adoration No. 34

*The God of Abraham Praise  
(verses 2 and 4 a cappella)*

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

**GLORIOUS JEHOVAH, MY COVENANT GOD:** All your promises in Christ Jesus are yes and amen, and all shall be fulfilled. You have spoken them, and they shall be done; commanded, and they shall come to pass. You have given me to read my pardon in the wounds of Jesus, and my soul trusts in Him, my God incarnate, the ground of my life, the spring of my hope. Bless me with Abraham's faith that staggers not at promises through unbelief. Give me the confidence I ought to have in Him who is worthy to be praised, and who is blessed for evermore. In His glorious name, we come boldly to you. Amen.

*Adapted from "Divine Promises" in The Valley of Vision*

### \*Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith, V.I

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the providence of God?

People: God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. Thanks be to God!

\*Hallelujah Tune: Hyfrydol  
Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 834) Psalm 135

\*Hymn of Approach No. 16  
*Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord*

## The Prayers of the People

Unison: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, You have brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. In the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

Minister: Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live.

People: We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed.

Minister: We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health.

People: We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself.

Minister: For all your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth we worship and adore you.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

## Silent Prayers of Thanksgiving

## Pastoral Prayer

## Words of Encouragement

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:1-3)

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 128  
*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

## Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia;  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

\*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Acts 23

## \*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace  
*"NO PLAN CAN SUCCEED AGAINST THE LORD"*

\*Hymn of Response No. 4  
*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

## \*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.**