

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, September 2, 2018

The Christian Year: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD....This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:19, 24

[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 24:7-10**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

People: Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

People: Who is the King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Unison: Come let us sing and worship our King!

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 295**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Almighty God, Your main plan, and the end of Your will, is to make Christ glorious and beloved on earth and in heaven where He is now ascended. One day all the elect will behold His glory, and love and serve Him forever. In this world you have given me a beginning; one day it will be perfected in the new earth. Help me, now, to see and know Christ, to take Him, receive Him, possess Him, love Him, bless Him in my heart, mouth, life until that day when I will know, even as I am fully known. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Confession of Faith** HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 49

Minister: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

People: First, He pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of His Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven – a guarantee that Christ our Head will take us, His members, to Himself in heaven. Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** **Tune: Gloria Patri (Greatorex)**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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 male servant, or his female servant, 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. 248**

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (verses 1-2)

Corporate Confession

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lusts of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but may you rule over me in liberty and power, through Jesus Christ our one Lord, Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

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 Thanksgiving** **No. 248**

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (verses 3-5)

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 24**

***Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"PEACE IN THE TRUTH"

***Hymn of Response** **No. 691**

It Is Well with My Soul

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

Next Sunday, in conjunction with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. 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.