

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

The Lord's Day, September 9, 2018

*The Christian Year: The Sixteenth 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** Zephaniah 3:14-17

Minister: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**People:** The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; you shall never again fear evil.

Minister: Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak! The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save!

**People:** He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with singing!

**Unison:** Come! Let us sing and praise our God!

**\*Hymn of Adoration** No. 76

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**\*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.

*From The Valley of Vision*

**\*Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Q 75

Minister: How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

**People:** In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command He gave this promise: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely His body was offered and broken for me and His blood

poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely He nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with His crucified body and poured-out blood. 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.  
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, Your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing!

**Psalter Reading** (responsive reading, p. 804) Psalm 51

**Hymn of Confession** No. 252

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 1-2, verse 2 a cappella)*

**Public Confession** Isaiah 53

**All:** He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief.

**Women:** He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

**Men:** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

**Women:** But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

**Men:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;

**All:** And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

**Hymn of Confession** No. 252

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verse 3)*

**Private Confession**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:1, 3, 4)

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving** No. 252

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verse 4)*

**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 25

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** Rev. Seth Wallace

*"THE LAWS OF MEN AND THE LAW OF GOD"*

**\*Hymn of Preparation** No. 247

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**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. 246

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

**\*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.