

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

**The Lord's Day, September 16, 2018**

*The Christian Year: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**10:30 AM Morning Service**

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you"*  
*1 Peter 1:3-4*

[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 34**

Minister: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears!

**People: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Minister: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

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

**\*Hymn of Adoration** **No. 529**  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
*(v. 4 a cappella)*

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

**Blessed Lord Jesus, my Gracious Redeemer: No human mind could ever conceive or invent the gospel. Acting in eternal grace, you are both its messenger and its message, lived out on earth through infinite compassion, applying your life to insult, injury, and death, so that I might be redeemed, ransomed, and freed. Blessed are you, O Father, for contriving this way. Eternal thanks to you, O Lamb of God, for opening this way. Praise everlasting to you, O Holy Spirit, for applying this way to my heart. Glorious Trinity, impress the gospel on my soul, until its glory fills my being. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.**

*Adapted from "The Gospel Way" in The Valley of Vision*

**\*Confession of Faith** THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q. 57-58

Minister: What comfort does the *resurrection of the body* offer you?

**People: Not only shall my soul after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, my Head, but also this my flesh,**

**raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.**

Minister: What comfort do you receive from the article about *the life everlasting*?

**People: Since I now already feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall after this life possess perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, a blessedness in which to praise God forever.**

**Unison: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria** **Tune: Ode to Joy**  
**Look, ye saints the sight is glorious, see the Man of Sorrows now; From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow; Hark! Those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those loud triumphant chords! Jesus takes the highest station! King of kings and Lord of Lords!**

**Psalter Reading** (responsive reading, p. 788) **Psalm 16**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** **No. 660**  
*O God beyond All Praising*

**The Prayers of the People**

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: Lord, accept our praise.**

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 Prayer and Meditation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Words of Encouragement**

Minister: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

**Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

**\*Hymn of Consecration** **No. 518**  
*Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground*

**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 26**

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** **Rev. Seth Wallace**  
*"HOPE IN THE PROMISE"*

**\*Hymn of Response** **No. 523**  
*My Hope Is in the Lord*

**\*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.**