

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, September 23, 2018

The Christian Year: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"
And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
Mark 4:39*

[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 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

People: **Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**

Minister: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

*Hymn of Adoration No. 40

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Mighty Father: I love you, O LORD, my strength. When I am in distress I call to you, I cry out to you for help. And you hear me! You are my rock and my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. You are worthy of all my praise; for you have saved me. May you be exalted, O God of my salvation! In the name of Jesus, I come to you. Amen.

from Psalm 18

*Affirmation of Faith HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #26

Minister: What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

People: **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for**

body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because He is almighty God, and desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Hallelujah Tune: Hyfrydol

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed;
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. 825) Psalm 107:23-43

*Hymn of Response No. 630

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Prayers of the People

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Acknowledging Lord, that Your name is majestic in all the earth, we pray that You would, by Your grace:

Enable us to know You, worship You, and glorify You; and with our lips offer You the praise due Your name; and with our lives offer You the obedience worthy of Your name.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Acknowledging that we live in a fallen world, we pray that You would, by Your grace:

Destroy the kingdom of Satan; remove from our society all that dishonors You; and build Your beloved Church in obedience to Your will.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Acknowledging that all we have is a gift from You, beginning with our salvation, and that You have promised fatherly provision for Your true children, we pray that You would, by Your grace:

Grant to us from this earth's goods what is necessary for life and godliness, with contentment, and hear our prayers for the needs of our family and friends.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Acknowledging that we are all by nature guilty sinners, and that we could never repay the debt, we pray that You would, by Your grace:

Pardon all our trespasses and sins, grant us the assurance of Your forgiveness and love, and enable us to forgive others from our hearts.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Acknowledging that the world, our flesh, and the devil are ready to draw us from You, and that in our weakness we are susceptible to every temptation, we pray that You would, by Your grace:

Help us watch and pray that we do not enter into temptation, quicken our hearts that we may seek first Your righteousness, and restore to us the joy of our salvation.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Acknowledging that You alone are eternally sovereign, powerful and glorious, we pray that You would, by Your grace:

Receive our requests, as we offer them, with thanksgiving, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (2 Cor. 4:16)

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

*Hymn of Preparation No. 689

Be Still, My Soul

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Let all things their Creator bless;
And worship Him in humbleness; Alleluia! 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 27

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"PERIL ON THE SEA"

*Hymn of Response No. 691

It Is Well with My Soul

*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.