

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, September 30, 2018

The Christian Year: the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed,
but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body,
whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
(Philippians 1:20-21)*

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship** **Psalm 62:1-2, 7-8**

Minister: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

People: **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

Minister: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

People: **Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 92**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Great High Priest, You have opened a new and living way by which fallen creatures can approach You with acceptance. Help us to contemplate the dignity of Your Person, the perfection of Your sacrifice, the effectiveness of Your intercession. Here among Your saints encourage our hope: we were once poor and are now rich, bound and are now free, tried and now are victorious. May our desires be enlarged and our hopes emboldened, that we may honor You by our entire dependency and by the greatness of our expectation. This we ask in Your name, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.

From "Grace Active" in The Valley of Vision

***Confession of Faith** **WCF II.i**

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about God?

People: **There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most**

wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory, most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin; and who will by no means clear the guilty.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria** **Tune: Ode to Joy**

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 787) **Psalm 9:7-11**

Hymn of Response **No. 97**

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator
(verse 3 a cappella)*

Prayers of the Congregation

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, we pray that You will give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of You, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which You have called us, what are the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward us who believe, according to the working of Your great might that You worked in Christ when You raised him from the dead and seated him at Your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. You have put all things under Christ's feet and have given him as head over all things to us, the church. It is in his name we come to You. Amen.

(from Ephesians 1)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 98**

Now Thank We All Our God

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 28**

***Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon **Rev. Seth Wallace**

"TO BE CONTINUED"

***Hymn of Response** **SH No. 2**

O Church, Arise

***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.