

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, October 28, 2018

*The Christian Year: the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday*

10:30 AM Morning Service

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17

[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. 92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

We love you, O LORD, for you are our rock and our fortress and our deliverer, our God, our rock in whom we take refuge, our shield, the horn of our salvation, our stronghold. We call upon you, who are worthy of all praise, and we are saved from our enemies. Your way, O LORD, is perfect. Your word is true. Be exalted, O God of our salvation. We will praise among the nations and sing to your name. In the name of Jesus we come to you. Amen.
(from Psalm 18)

*Affirmation of Faith THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH, V.I

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the providence of God?

People: **God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and**

holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

*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.**

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 822) Psalm 104

*Hymn of Praise No. 122 *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

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:**

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.**

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

*Hymn of Response Insert *Across the Lands*

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 Colossians 1:15-20

*The Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace
"JESUS: CREATOR AND SUSTAINER"

*Hymn of Response No. 181
We Come, O Christ, to You

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service.

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.