

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, January 13, 2019

The Christian Year: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

*And we have seen and testify
that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.
1 John 4:14*

[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 113:1-9

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Minister: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!

People: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Unison: Praise the LORD!

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 100

*Holy, Holy, Holy
(verse 4 a cappella)*

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, loved, worshiped and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, No. 21

Minister: Christian, how do you understand "true faith"?

People: True faith is not only a certain knowledge whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His word; but also a hearty trust which the Holy Ghost works in my heart by the gospel: that not only to others, but to me also, the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

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

Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His Only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one.
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore;
Amen, Amen! Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

Psalter Reading (Responsive Reading, p. 828) Psalm 118

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** No. 498
Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Public Confession

Dear Father, you have been more concerned about our sin than we have. Only you truly know how it robs us of life and separates us from the intimate fellowship that you desire with your people. And yet we know that your grace is greater than all our sin. What more could you have done for us than what you have done at the cross? Therefore in humility and hope we trust you to look upon us as we are united to our blessed Savior Jesus Christ. For His sake forgive us all our sins and offenses. Renew and refresh us again through the intercession of our Great High Priest. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit enable us to hear your voice of comfort, "Blessed indeed are those whose sins are forgiven, whose iniquity is covered." For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. I John 1:5-10

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** No. 246
Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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 2:8-15

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace
"JESUS: SAVIOR"

***Hymn of Response and Preparation** No. 691
It Is Well with My Soul
verses 1-2

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. 691
It Is Well
verses 3-4

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

The deacons invite you to support them in their work of meeting the needs of members of our congregation and the wider community who are experiencing hardship. You may leave your gift following worship in the Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. As you do this, the deacons want you to know that they are helping members and friends of Christ the King. For reasons of confidentiality, we do not publicize our efforts. But please know that your gifts are helping people! Many, many thanks!

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service