

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

The Lord's Day, March 10, 2019  
*The Christian Year: The First Sunday in Lent*

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*"The God who made the world and everything in it,  
being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,  
nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything,  
since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything."  
Acts 17:24-25*

*[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 90:1-4  
Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People:** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Minister: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**People:** For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

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

**\*Hymn of Adoration** No. 30  
*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**  
Lord God, this day our hearts approve with joy what our reason can never fully comprehend, even your eternity, O Ancient of Days. Are you not from everlasting, O Lord, our God, our Holy One? We worship you, the Father Everlasting, whose years shall have no end; and you, the love-begotten Son whose goings forth have been ever of old; we also acknowledge and adore you, Eternal Spirit, who before the foundation of the world did live and love in coequal glory with the Father and the Son. Enlarge and purify the mansions of our souls that they may be fit habitations for your Spirit, who prefers before all temples the upright heart and pure. Amen.

*Adapted from "The Eternity of God" in The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer*

**\*Confession of Faith** WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM, Q&A 7  
Minister: What is God?

**People:** God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

**\*Gloria Patri** Tune: Ode to Joy  
Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;  
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.  
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!

**Psalter Reading** (responsive reading, p. 838) Psalm 145

**Hymn of Thanksgiving** No. 4  
*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (verses 1-3)*

**Public Confession**  
Eternal Father: You are good beyond all thought, but we are slow of heart and blind; our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. Unmask to us sin's deformity that we may hate it, abhor it, and flee from it. Our faculties have been a weapon of revolt against you; as we rebel, we misuse our strength and serve the foul adversary of your kingdom. Give us grace to bewail our insane folly; and grant that through the tears of repentance, we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.  
*Adapted from "Yet I Sin" in The Valley of Vision*

### Private Confession

### Pastoral Prayer

**Words of Assurance**  
For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."  
Isaiah 57:15

**Hymn of Thanksgiving** No. 4  
*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (verses 4-6)*

### Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology** Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**  
**\*Reading of the Holy Scriptures** Genesis 1:1-2

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**  
**Sermon** Rev. Seth Wallace  
*"IN THE BEGINNING, GOD"*

**\*Hymn of Response and Preparation** No. 106  
*Father, Father of All Things*

### 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. 420  
*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

### \*The Benediction

### Postlude

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

## Cookies & Catechism, immediately following the service

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!

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