

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, March 17, 2019

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –
all things were created through him and for him.
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:6-17*

[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 29**

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Minister: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Minister: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

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

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 2**

O Worship the King (verse 5 a cappella)

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Our Father, Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth: In your Word and in your creation, we delight to behold you. In great might, you rule over all. You measure the waters in the hollow of your hand. You mark off the heavens with a span. You weigh the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance. To you, all the nations are like a drop from a bucket. Yet like a shepherd, you tend your flock: you gather us in your arms, you carry us close to your heart, you gently lead us. You never grow faint or weary, and your understanding is unsearchable. So when we are faint, you give us power. When we have no might, you increase our strength. For all this we praise you and thank you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

From Isaiah 40

***Confession of Faith** WCF IV.I

Minister: What do you believe concerning creation?

People: It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days; and all very good.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** **Tune: Gloria Patri (Greateorex)**

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. 786) **Psalm 8**

Hymn of Praise **Insert**

Heavens Shout God's Matchless Glory

Public Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we come this day as your adopted children in Christ. We are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Give us grace to repent, so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

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

Hymn of Thanksgiving **No. 32**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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** Genesis 1:3-13

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"BUILDING THE HOUSE"

***Hymn of Response** **No. 119**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following the service.

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