

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, March 24, 2019
The Christian Year: the Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Isaiah 45:18, 48:12-13

Minister: Thus says the Lord, who created the heavens

People: He is God!

Minister: Who formed the earth and made it

People: He established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!

Minister: "I am the Lord, and there is no other. . . . I am he; I am the first, and I am the last.

People: My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens."

Unison: Come, let us give praise to our Creator God.

*Hymn of Adoration No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Our Lord and God, worthy are you, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created. And blessed are you, O Lord, forever and ever. For yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

From Revelation 4:11 and I Chronicles 29:10-13

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26

Minister: What do you believe when you say *I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of

Christ his Son, my God and my Father. In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Mit Freuden Zart

What God's Almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;

By morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;

Within the kingdom of His might, lo all is just and all is right;

To God all praise and glory!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 807) Psalm 65

Hymn of Preparation No. 44

How Great Thou Art

The Prayers of the People

Unison: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy; and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose: in the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

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 and praise.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

Minister: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

(Isaiah 40:28-29)

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 116

For the Beauty of the Earth

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

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"BUILDING THE HOUSE: PART 2"

*Hymn of Response No. 122

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

*Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregational 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.