

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, March 31, 2019

The Christian Year: the Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all.
(Psalm 104:24)

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Cookies & Catechism Presentation

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 136:1, 4-9, 26

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Children: for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: to him who alone does great wonders,

Children: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: to him who by understanding made the heavens,

Children: for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

Children: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: to him who made the great lights,

Children: for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: the sun to rule over the day,

Children: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Minister: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

Children: for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

Unison: for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn of Adoration No. 115

All Creatures of Our God and King
(verse 3, ladies; verse 4, men)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you humbled yourself, became a man and died for your sinful creation. You say to your people, whom you have created and chosen, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." You love us with a steadfast love that

endures forever. And you promise us that nothing--neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation--will be able to separate us from that love. For this we praise you and thank you, our Creator and our Redeemer. Amen.

*Confession of Faith WCF V.I

Minister: What do you believe about your Creator God?

People: God the great Creator of all things doth 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.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Gloria Patria (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. 840) Psalm 148

Hymn of Preparation No. 125

Let All Things Now Living

The Prayers of the People

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Acknowledging, Lord, that your name is majestic in all the earth, we pray that you would, by your grace:

Enable us to know you, worship you, and glorify you; and with our lips offer you the praise due your name; and with our lives offer you the obedience worthy of your name.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Acknowledging that we live in a fallen world, we pray that you would, by your grace:

Destroy the kingdom of Satan; remove from our society all that dishonors you; and build your beloved Church in obedience to your will.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Acknowledging that all we have is a gift from you, beginning with our salvation, and that you have promised fatherly provision for your true children, we pray that you would, by your grace:

Grant to us from this earth's goods what is necessary for life and godliness, with contentment, and hear our prayers for the needs of our family and friends.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Acknowledging that we are all by nature guilty sinners, and that we could never repay the debt, we pray that you would, by your grace:

Pardon all our trespasses and sins, grant us the assurance of your forgiveness and love, and enable us to forgive others from our hearts.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Acknowledging that the world, our flesh, and the devil are ready to draw us from you, and that in our weakness we are susceptible to every temptation, we pray that you would, by your grace:

Help us watch and pray that we do not enter into temptation, quicken our hearts that we may seek first your righteousness, and restore to us the joy of our salvation.

O Lord, hear us as we pray:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Acknowledging that you alone are eternally sovereign, powerful and glorious, we pray that you would, by your grace:

Receive our requests, as we offer them, with thanksgiving, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

Minister: Call unto me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things that you have not known.

(Jeremiah 33:3)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 111

This Is My Father's World

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 1:14-25

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"FILLING THE HOUSE: PART 1"

*Hymn of Response No. 7

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

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