

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, September 8, 2019

The Christian Year: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live."
Psalm 116:1-2*

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 148

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

People: Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Minister: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!!

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

Unison: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 18

You Holy Angels Bright (verses 1-4)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity: The heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches; the universe is your temple. Your presence fills immensity, yet you have of your pleasure created life and communicated happiness. You have made me what I am and given me what I have. In you I live and move and have my being. Your providence has set the bounds of my habitation and wisely administers all my affairs. I thank you for your riches to me in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word, where I behold his person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection. I come to you in his all-prevailing name. Amen.

adapted from "God the Source of All Good" in The Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of Faith HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, No. 27

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

*Gloria Tune: *Hyfrydol*

God of glory, power and mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 819) Psalm 96

*Hymn of Adoration No. 18

You Holy Angels Bright (verses 5-7)

Public Confession

Almighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus: we acknowledge that we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. We have erected idols in our hearts, and bowed down and served them. Instead of setting our minds on the riches that are ours in Christ, we have harbored covetous and discontented thoughts. Not only have we sinned in our thinking, but we also confess our intemperance in our seeing, hearing, and speaking. But now in penitence we beg of you, O Heavenly Father, that you would have compassion upon us. Have mercy upon us and graciously forgive us these and all our sins. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and keep us by your almighty power; fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways and live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Savior. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. Psalm 130:3-4, 7

*Hymn of Response No. 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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 10:1-32

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"ONE PEOPLE UNITED"

*Hymn of Preparation No. 427

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

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 to 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. 263

Lift High the Cross

*Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

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. 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.