

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, September 29, 2019

The Christian Year: the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

That is why [righteousness] depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations.”

Romans 4:16-17

[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 67

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: **that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Minister: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Unison: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

*Hymn of Adoration No. 660

O God beyond All Praising

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O Lord, we cannot escape from your presence and control, nor do we desire to do so. Our privilege is to be under the rule of your omnipotence, righteousness, wisdom, patience, mercy, and grace. You have shown us these in the bounties of nature, in the fullness of your providence, in the revelations of Scripture, in the gift of your Son, in the proclamation of the gospel. And through them you banish our fear, draw us to your presence, and lead us to bewail and confess our sin. We look to you, seeing nothing in ourselves to save us, but finding all in Jesus. Help us not only to receive him, but to walk in him, depend upon him, commune with him, and follow him as dear children—imperfect, but always pressing forward. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Adapted from “The Giver” in The Valley of Vision

*Affirmation of Faith

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We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Praise be to God!

*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy

Glory be to God the Father and to Christ His only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the Church as one:
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore!
Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

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

*Hymn of Praise No. 437

O God, to Us Show Mercy

Prayers of the People

O Heavenly Father, Forgive me for my sins. Teach me to see that if Christ has pacified You and satisfied divine justice, He can also deliver me from my sins. Forgive me for my pride and self-reliance. Teach me to see that Christ does not desire me, now justified, to live in self-confidence in my own strength, but gives me the law of the Spirit of life to enable me to obey You. Forgive me for my arrogance and blindness and hardness of heart. Teach me to see that if I sin not, I should thank You for it; that if I sin, I should be humbled daily under it; that I should mourn for my sin when I see how it strikes at You, when I see that it caused Christ's death. Forgive me for my lack of faith. Teach me that faith is receiving Your kindness; that it is an adherence to Christ, a resting on Him, love clinging to Him as a branch to the tree, to seek life and vigor from Him. In faith, I thank You that I am yours in my Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from “Belonging to Jesus” in The Valley of Vision

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Isaiah 43.1-2

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

*Hymn of Preparation SH No. 11

Speak, O Lord

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless;
And worship Him in humbleness; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit, three in one;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Genesis 12:1-9

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

“FATHER ABRAHAM”

*Hymn of Response No. 7

From All That Dwell below the Skies

*The 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.**